

Radiation test shock for Kiev Britons

British students being evacuated from Moscow after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster have abnormally high levels of radiation on their clothes... Tass now says that 18 Soviet citizens are in a "serious condition" after the disaster...

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Fears about the long-term consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster increased last night when nearly 100 British students being evacuated from Moscow were discovered in their first screening by a British expert to have higher than normal radiation levels on their clothing.

The British Embassy in Warsaw is making arrangements to evacuate the pregnant wives and young children of embassy staff... A call for an international investigation into the disaster was made last night by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Mr John Burley, the British Airways station manager, told The Times that all the students had been asked to change into fresh overalls and trackuits flown in from London as a precautionary measure.

The readings were much higher than we had expected, he said. Our concern was to take the maximum sensible precautions and get them out.

relief that they had at last been able to get reliable information about the effects of the radiation leak after the strict Soviet clampdown on details.

Mr Robert Walker, aged 22, a student from the Liverpool Polytechnic, told The Times that he had known nothing about Friday's disaster until three days later.

Tomorrow Where food is a serious business

Clement Freud goes behind the scenes at The Times restaurant of the year

Portfolio Gold

The daily Times Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000 was won outright yesterday - details, page 3.

Begum held Begum Khaleeda Zia, leader of the boycott campaign against next week's Bangladesh general election, has been arrested and held outside Dhaka...

Nurses' stress Stress is costing nurses and the NHS dear, a leading specialist said when launching a study on nurse managers.

On this day The news of Adolf Hitler's suicide in his Berlin bunker was reported in The Times on May 2, 1945.

Table with columns for page numbers and titles: Finance News, Leaders, Overseas, etc.



Miss Jennifer Guinness on board the British Airways 1 in Plymouth yesterday before sailing in the Rosamund Race.

Education warning by Labour

A Labour government will abolish fee-paying in education over the lifetime of a parliament, Mr Giles Radice, the party's education spokesman, said yesterday during the run-up to the Ryed by-election...

Moscow message on arms

Mrs Thatcher is to discuss with President Reagan the contents of a new message on arms control she has just received from Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader.

Jail riot talks as officers call off action

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Prison officers leaders called off their industrial action yesterday after a night of widespread rioting that wrecked one jail and left chaos and destruction in many more. They are to meet Home Office officials today for talks about talks.

less of the financial implications. The dispute is about manning levels and the extent to which they should be negotiable. Prison officers say that their safety is imperilled if too few are on duty.

Duchess thanks French in will

From Susan MacDonald Paris

The Pastern Institute will be the Duchess of Windsor's main beneficiary, it was announced in Paris yesterday by the Duchess's lawyer and old friend, Maître Suzanne Blum...

Besides the Pastern Institute, Maître Blum announced bequests for associations, charities and museums in France and England.

Oslo decision

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, Norway's Labour Party leader, is to try to form a government after the collapse of the conservative coalition of Mr Kaare Willoch.

£3.2bn wiped off value of shares

The Stock Exchange took its own age-old advice to investors - sell in May and go away - with pin-point timing yesterday.

Karmal returns to Kabul

Islamabad (Reuter) - President Karmal of Afghanistan returned to Kabul yesterday after a month in the Soviet Union, cooling rumours that he was seriously ill or out of favour with Moscow.

Man arrested in bomb alert at Dutch airport

Amsterdam (AP) - Dutch police yesterday arrested a man at Schiphol airport here for possession of suspected explosives and detonators.

Global inquiry sought

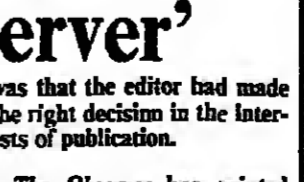
By Richard Evans Lobby Reporter. Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, last night called for an international investigation into the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

Britons to leave Warsaw

By Nicholas Ashford Diplomatic Correspondent. The British embassy in Warsaw yesterday began making arrangements to evacuate the pregnant wives and young children of embassy staff...

A Victorian melodrama at 'The Observer'

By Richard Dowden. Readers of The Observer newspaper this weekend will be denied the chance to learn a little more about an obscure Victorian eccentric and writer, Mr Augustus Hare, by order of a printing union, the National Graphical Association.



Hare: Victorian eccentric

Advertisement for Famous Grouse Scotch Whisky, featuring a large image of a bottle and a pheasant, with the text 'Quality in an age of change.'

Local council elections

Substantial Labour gains forecast in London poll

By Hugh Clayton

The Labour Party can expect a "very substantial swing" in its favour in next week's London council elections...

VOTING IN LONDON. ACTUAL VOTE 1982 (%). HARRIS POLL 1986 (%).

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, then leader of the Greater London Council, that abolition of the authority would rebound on ministers...

opposed the manner of its... the results of the Harris poll are reflected in next Thursday's results...

councillors elected by majority members of the borough authorities. Although more than half of the voters interviewed by Harris thought that the Labour Party was too left-wing in London...

Labour promises seen as 'absurd'

By George Hill

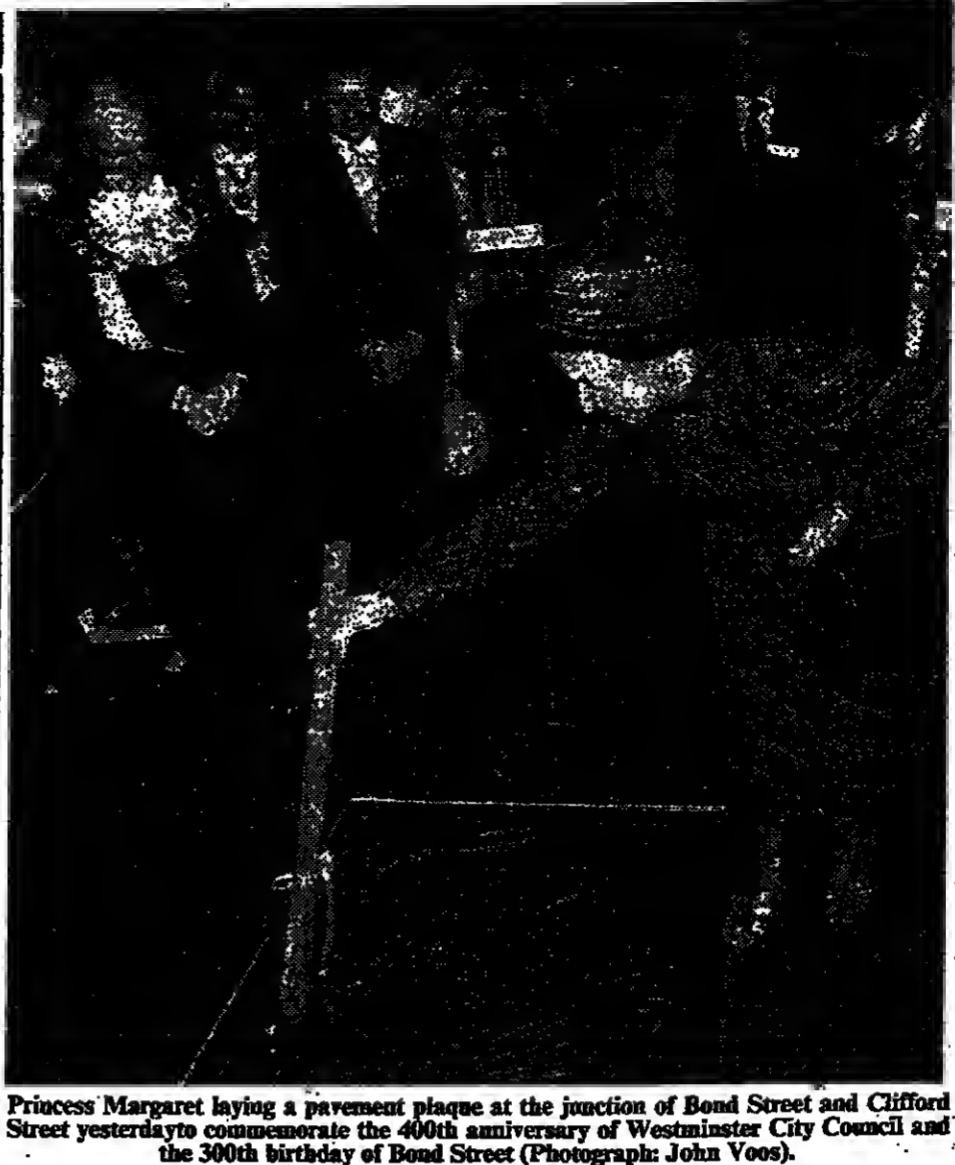
An end to streaming and banding in local schools, a ban on sexist calendars in council workplaces and a commitment to buy free-range eggs...

Bankers wooed by bus in Liverpool

By Peter Davison

Liverpool's leaders took to the buses yesterday with the dual aim of persuading voters in next week's council elections to keep them in power...

where £160 million is being spent. Later Mr Byrne said: "We have the land, the builders in the city have the expertise and the banks and building societies have the money..."



Princess Margaret laying a pavement plaque at the junction of Bond Street and Clifford Street yesterday to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Westminster City Council and the 300th birthday of Bond Street (Photograph: John Voos).

Council charges for bomb search

By Tim Jones

A Labour-controlled council was condemned as irresponsible yesterday for its decision to charge police £165 for making a security check at a hall where Mrs Margaret Thatcher is to address the annual conference of Welsh Conservatives...

Child care law reform hedged

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent. The Government announced yesterday that it would publish proposals for a comprehensive review of child care law in the autumn but failed to commit itself to legislation in the next parliamentary session...

'Secretive JPs undermine law'

Magistrates who refuse to give their names when hearing cases were accused in the High Court yesterday of undermining the system of open justice. The charge was made by counsel for Mr David Leigh, chief reporter of The Observer...

Switch of label could mean seat loss

By Ronald Faux

Mr Donald MacMillan, local grocer in Loch Gillebride, Argyll, and councillor for the mid-Argyll and Islay board of Strathclyde region, regards the territory he is defending at next week's election with a certain awe...

most easily the most progressive opposition so I had no hesitation in calling my colours to them," he said. Mid-Argyll and Islay does not reflect the overall character or political colour of Strathclyde...

islander was once said to represent £1 million a year in revenue to the government from the whisky industry now face the hardship of unemployment. He can only hope that people will remember the positive achievements he has been associated with...

success in recent by-elections. Mrs MacMillan defended the seat 18 months ago at the by-election which came after the SNP councillor's resignation. The party has done well here before. They believe Mr MacMillan's switch to the Tories could cost him the seat...

Alliance criticizes expected £400,000 subsidy

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Alliance candidate for the Rydale by-election, Mrs Elizabeth Shields, said yesterday she expected an announcement early next week from the Government that the North Yorkshire Council was to be given an extra £400,000 to make up the shortfall in its budget in order to fund the new GOSSE examination.

would be "staggered" if an announcement came next week. "I have heard nothing about an announcement along these lines, but if it came," he said, he hoped it would be seen not as a bid to buy votes but as a spectacular achievement of the Rydale by-election with the credit going to all candidates.

yesterday as the Liberals continued to claim they were being misrepresented in Tory election leaflets. Mr Andrew Ellis, the Liberal Party's secretary general said the Alliance had reported to the Post Office an alleged breach by the Tories of the Representation of the People Act.

The Children's Legal Centre also expressed disappointment. Miss Jenny Kuper, a solicitor, said there had been widespread consultation and it was hard to see what need there was for more. "What we want now are specific recommendations."

Lloyds Bank Cashflow Account Interest Rate. With effect from Tuesday, 6 May 1986, the Cashflow Borrowing Rate will be reduced by 1.5 per cent to 20.5 per cent per annum...

Rosyth to get £220m base for submarines. The Royal Navy is to spend £220 million on building new facilities at the royal dockyard at Rosyth, on the Firth of Forth, for refitting nuclear submarines...

Victim of kidnap in record bid

Mrs Jennifer Guinness, shunning off the after-effects of her kidnap ordeal, sailed from Plymouth yesterday at the start of a record attempt through some of Europe's fiercest seas. Mrs Guinness, aged 48, joined Robin Knox-Johnston to help sail his 60-foot catamaran, British Airways 1, across the Irish Sea in preparation for the weekend attempt on the record for sailing around Ireland.

'Guinea pig' PoWs see MPs

A delegation of British former prisoners of war yesterday met MPs at the House of Commons in its campaign to get compensation from the Japanese government for being used as "human guinea pigs". The 26 surviving PoWs have been fighting an eight-month campaign for "justice, recognition and compensation," their spokesman, Mr Arthur Christie, aged 65, said.

Smuggling charge

A Guernsey company director was remanded in custody yesterday in connection with a plot to smuggle cannabis worth \$80 million (about £55 million) into the United States. Mr Anthony Warden, aged 41, head of the Warden group of companies, was remanded for a week after being refused bail at Bow Street extradition court, London.

Chicago flight aids tourism

Non-stop daily services between Manchester and Chicago were started yesterday by American Airlines, which flew in 71 passengers. In spite of reports of US tourists cancelling holidays to Europe, Mr Mark Stagy, for the airline, said it had detected no drop in business.

Lovestruck Scottish toads court death on road

By Ronald Faux. Toads that would go wooing on the main road between Arbroath and Brechin in Scotland. Acting on the oldest impulse, they swarm in their hundreds in a narrow swathe across the road which separates their winter quarters from a pond where they mate. The exodus happens shortly after dusk, giving motorists no time to avoid the carpet of toads covering the road.

Correction

The crash of the British airship R101 in 1930 caused 47 deaths, not 29 as stated on April 24.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including "Conservative is bl...", "Airlines", and "Conservative is bl... of stre...".

'Conspiracy of silence' is blamed for cost of stress among nurses

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Severe stress at work among nurses is costing them and the National Health Service dear, yet there is a "conspiracy of silence" about the problem, a leading specialist said yesterday.

Almost a third of nurses fail to complete their training, and the profession has high rates of sickness absence, with high staff turnover, compared with that for teachers and social workers.

The suicide rate among nurses is "almost at the top of the league" and five or six times that of teachers and social workers. Nurses smoke heavily and have a shorter life expectancy than comparable groups. Mr Peter Hingley, Director of Nursing Studies at Bristol Polytechnic, said at the launch of a study of stress in 500 senior nurses from ward sister level and above.

Mr Hingley, director of a special project on stress in nurse managers financed by the King's Fund, an independent health research centre, added that about 20,000 nurses, or at least 5 per cent of the workforce, are off sick at any one time, according to official figures. Some studies suggested that sickness absence runs at 12 per cent.

Yet nurses and the public kept silent, the result, he said, of "the angel syndrome".

"There is a myth among the profession and among wider society of the nurse as the angel. There is the belief that the nurse, because of her calling and the sacrifices she makes to the care of others, does not possess the feelings and weaknesses and frailties of the general population. The 'super-nurse' cannot be affected by such things as stress."

Nurses themselves had accepted the myth by denying that there was a problem in the face of mounting evidence, and by rejecting it as a failure of the individual rather than of the profession.

He added that the difficulties nurses face from stress were well defined 25 years ago by Isabel Menzies, a psychoanalyst at the Tavistock Clinic.

She had said: "The nurse protects herself from these pressures and anxieties by a distancing process from her work from her patients, from her colleagues and by depersonalization of her patients, treating them as objects and things rather than individuals, leading in the end to loss of the caring aspects of her traditional role."

But while that work had prompted many studies in the United States, leading to definition of the "burn-out" syndrome, only two large-scale studies had been undertaken in Britain.

Mr Hingley is working with Guy's Hospital, London, and Frenchay Hospital, near Bristol, to devise a simple questionnaire to establish the level of stress among nursing staff, so that health authorities can identify problems and find solutions. He said that the study published yesterday of 500 senior nurses showed that 85 per cent felt that they were overloaded at work.

Staff shortages, or a ratio of too many unqualified to qualified staff led more than 30 per cent of managers to say that they faced "considerable" or "extreme" pressure.

Although stress could be positive, Mr Hingley said, and two-thirds of the nurses said they were "satisfied" or very satisfied with their work, one in six was dissatisfied, and one in six admitted to frequent consideration not just of changing jobs, but of leaving nursing.

Stress in Nurse Managers: King's Fund Publishing Office, 2 St. Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. £4.25.



Re-enacting the famous Sweeps Procession in Rochester yesterday, Carl Mason, aged 10, with his chimney brush and a sooty-faced friend from Elaine Junior School. Above right, in Motley Morris man and, below, Shawna Ardley, aged seven, from Trovotown Infants School. The procession was last held in 1868 when the use of children as climbers was banned.

Protest at plan to import chickens

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The National Farmers' Union has written to Mr Bernard Matthews, the Norfolk-based poultry producer, protesting at his decision to import thousands of chickens which he intends to sell for less than £1 each.

The deal has been agreed with Doux, of Chateaulin, France's largest frozen chicken producer. The birds are understood to have been destined originally for markets in the Middle East.

The announcement by Mr Matthews coincided with the annual meeting in London of the British Poultry Federation, of which he is a former president. There was anger yesterday among federation members.

Mr Matthews has, in the past, been a leading critic of cheap imports.

Mr Maurice Stokes, the federation chairman, said yesterday that on present evidence many importers could compete only because they flouted EEC legislation. "Unless Community standards are enforced, not only is the British poultry industry going to be damaged but the housewife is going to be conned also into buying a product which does not provide value for money."

Portfolio Gold

The conductor and founder of the Haydn Orchestra was yesterday's winner of the Times Portfolio Gold daily £4,000 prize.

Mr Harry Newstone, who has been Director of Music at Kent University for nearly eight years, has been a reader of *The Times* for 20 years and has taken part in the Portfolio Gold competition since it began two years ago.

Mr Newstone, who lives in Whitstable, Kent, and is about to retire from the university, founded the Haydn Orchestra in 1949.

To play Portfolio Gold you will need a new game card. If you have any difficulty obtaining one from your newsagent, send an S.A.E. to:

Portfolio Gold
The Times,
PO Box 40,
Blackburn,
BB1 6AJ.

Rules and how to play information are on page 16.



Mr Harry Newstone, a Times reader for 20 years

Scargill harassment denied

Police who arrived outside the home of Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, in four patrol cars denied yesterday that the exercise was "to make him sweat a bit".

The High Court in Manchester heard Mr Michael Mansfield, representing Mr Scargill, say to a police officer: "I put it plainly. What was going on was a bit of low level harassment, to make him sweat."

"That was the attitude. A man who you may have thought was too big for his boots. Never mind picket lines - 'We will keep him in line.' Is there any possibility of that?"

Police Constable David Lawrence, aged 26, replied: "Not at all."

Mr Scargill is suing South Yorkshire police for exemplary damages by claiming he was wrongfully imprisoned outside his home near Barnsley by police wanting to question him about an alleged speeding offence.

Another officer who attended the scene, PC Ian Scargill (no relation) was asked by Mr Mansfield: "Was there a suggestion you wanted to meet a great man? No remote possibility you went there because he had the same name as yourself and was a famous man?"

PC Scargill: "No sir." He also denied he thought Mr Scargill "was a controversial man you liked or disliked."

A further denial of police attitude came from Sgt John Beattie, aged 41, who had been asked by Mr Mansfield: "I suggest you are not telling the truth. I think you were there to keep Mr Scargill outside his home as a bit of aggression."

PC Lawrence had said earlier that Mr Scargill had not complained about waiting outside his home. "We were talking normally, just the same as it would have been passing the time of day."

The hearing continues today.

'Wanton' killer hunted

Wiltshire police are hunting a "senseless and wanton" killer after a girl aged 15 came home to find her mother and six-month-old sister beaten and butchered to death.

Linda Sutcliffe found her mother, Jeanne, aged 39, and her sister Heidi, almost decapitated in her mother's sewing room when she returned with

her father, Mr Paul Sutcliffe, and brother and sister, aged 14 and seven, to The Butts, Westbury.

Detective Superintendent Tony Burden, who is leading the hunt, said: "Whatever the motives for killing Mrs Sutcliffe, the brutal attack on Heidi was senseless and wanton."

Airline halves Dublin fare

An independent airline is to halve the return air fare between London and Dublin later this month in the first significant initiative since this week's historic judgement by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg (Our Transport Editor writes).

Ryanair, a new Irish airline, is to offer a £59 one-way fare,

compared with £85 charged by British Airways and Aer Lingus, and an unrestricted £85 return fare, compared with £170.

The service will operate four times a day, each way between Luton and Dublin from May 23, using 44-seat British Aerospace 748 turbo-

prop aircraft taking 80 minutes, compared with 55 minutes by jet from Heathrow Airport.

Ryanair plans to introduce jets within a year, offering faster and cheaper services. Mr Derek O'Brien, the company's general manager, said in London.

Funds plea from food exporters

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Food from Britain, a marketing organization established in 1983 to promote exports, yesterday gave the farming and food manufacturing industries another two months to provide guarantees of future funding.

It had set a deadline of April 30, but has now extended it to the end of June, primarily to allow the National Farmers' Union to conduct a poll of cereal growers on whether they will support a levy.

Food from Britain wants a guaranteed annual budget of £4,800,000, of which £3 million will be provided by the Government this year and £2 million in 1987-88.

But the Government has said it expects the industry to provide the funds thereafter and, judged on the present lack of enthusiasm, this is in serious doubt.

School for drivers in accidents

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Nottinghamshire police are campaigning for a new law to permit courts to order drivers involved in accidents to take a "remedial" driving course.

In the past two months drivers involved in accidents in the north of the county have been given the option of being prosecuted for driving without due care and attention or attending a one-day course at Nottinghamshire Police Driving School.

All 21 drivers so far offered the choice have taken it up. Mr Frank Wallace, aged 64, said yesterday he accepted after his first accident in 32 years of driving.

"It was a tremendous shock, a blow to my pride. So, although I still do not think I was at fault, I opted for the police driving course to check my driving technique and I suppose to restore my confidence," he said.

Mr Edward Griffith, assistant chief constable, said: "We are trying to demonstrate to the powers that be that part of the punishment should be retraining. We are only running our course as a temporary means of showing how it can be done with civilian instructors and at properly set up remedial driving centres."

He said that, if the law was changed, offenders could "jump the gun" and go to a remedial centre before their case went to court. In that way they might be able to reduce the ultimate punishment.

Mr Griffith said the aim of the experiment was to improve standards. There were 13,000 road accidents involving 6,000 injuries a year in Nottinghamshire.

Get tough call on tax cheats

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Tough measures against those who avoided paying an estimated £99 million in Vehicle Excise Duty during the past 12 months, were demanded yesterday by Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General.

In a National Audit Office report he says the rate of evasion - equivalent to 4 per cent of the revenue due - remains "unacceptably high". Although the Department of Transport had taken steps to tackle road tax cheats, Sir Gordon says: "Further continuing measures are needed, particularly against persistent offenders."

He adds: "The penalties imposed on evaders remain inadequate, and the Department of Transport should continue to exert pressure for more realistic penalties."

A study by Department of Transport officials has shown: about 2,200 million owners evade duty at some time during the year; London is the nation's evasion blackspot; evasion rates were higher for older cars, particularly when driven by young men.

The department now spends about £7 million a year on enforcement of Vehicle Excise Duty.

The inquiry disclosed that in 1985 the average fine imposed on licence evaders was £47 compared with a maximum available penalty of £500 for private cars.

"The courts sometimes imposed fines as low as £2, and the NAO examination disclosed no case where the maximum fine of £500 had been imposed," the report says.

Bus driver to be disciplined

Mr Graham Stocks, aged 38, of Llandudno, the driver who drenched a party of schoolgirls when he drove his bus through an automatic wash after they threw eggs and flour on the floor, is to be disciplined by his company.

He soaked the girls to put a dampener on their rowdy behaviour while taking them home from Aberconwy Comprehensive School at Conwy.

Chamois duty protest to US

British leather producers have protested against the inclusion of chamois leather in the list of EEC goods on which the United States proposes to impose duties in retaliation for Spanish tariffs on American soya beans and corn.

Britain supplies nearly two-thirds of the chamois leather used in the United States, in a trade worth more than £4 million.

London push

The British Travel Centre, which is designed to make travelling easier for London's tourists and encourage visitors to use London as a gateway to other British cities, opened in Regent Street yesterday.

No soft soaping fans

By a Staff Reporter

Television soap opera fans are not gullible. A survey by a market survey organization, The Research Business, shows that viewers remain acutely perceptive and observant while watching soaps.

They noticed, for example, that the same two people walked across the lobby of the Mirage hotel in each episode of *Dynasty*, and that Southfork, home of the wealthiest family in Texas, had no front door, obliging

£500 bill for flowers at funerals

By Robin Young

The average corpse goes to its final resting place wreathed with at least £500 worth of flowers, according to this week's *New Society*.

Miss Phyllis Willmott argues in an article that "astronomical" sums of money spent on flowers at funerals could be better donated to charity.

Readers of *The Times* already favour such donations, she shows. An analysis of one month's funeral announcements in *The Times* showed that 17 per cent stipulated "no flowers". A further 21 per cent asked for "family flowers only".

Of 550 announcements 216, nearly two fifths, suggested a donation to charity instead. Cancer relief and research was the most popular cause, and more than half the requests went to medical charities, hospitals and hospices, and organizations concerned with health and welfare.

Meanwhile the London borough of Lewisham has signed a contract with the Co-op for funeral services at a standard rate of £390.

A council survey showed that bereaved families were paying between £600 and £800 for a funeral, and that some funeral directors were working on commission.

Lewisham's municipal funerals will include doctors' and clergy fees, and will offer particular requests, such as Muslim bathing of the body, at no extra cost.

Tory toffs and bovvers

Never before has the social anatomy of the Conservative Party been so publicly exposed.

There was a time, back in the progressive Sixties, when if you'd spent your youth frequenting the Eton branch of Coutts in your bumfreezer, your chances of securing a Tory seat were severely handicapped.

Extra copies are being printed for division bell area newsagents.

Following the death of the Duchess of Windsor, William Deedes recalls how, as a journalist during the Abdication crisis, he was not allowed to reveal what he knew.

But the pendulum swings. Today there are forty-two Old Etonian Tories in the Commons. That means over ten per cent upper crust. Or does it?

And fifty years after A. E. Housman's death, Enoch Powell remembers the "most powerful single intellectual influence in my life", whilst Auberon Waugh, in his exclusive Spectator wine club, recommends an excellent champagne.

In this week's Spectator Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd argues that Mrs Thatcher's party has descended into a decidedly 'middle-class' condition.

All in all, an issue to savour. And, to complement the good read, you will find the cartoons of David Austin, Michael Heath and Nicholas Garland.

And because 'middle-class' is now used so indiscriminately he provides a chart sorting Tory MPs into their appropriate social niches: upper upper, lower upper, upper middle etc.

THE SPECTATOR

University brain-drain 'puts teaching and research in jeopardy'

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

New evidence of a university brain-drain is published today in a report from independent consultants who say that standards of research and teaching in British universities are at risk because high-calibre staff are not applying for academic posts and skilled lecturers are leaving.

British universities lost 1,404 staff in the academic year, 1984-85, and replacements are hard to find, according to the report from PA consultants.

Morale among academics is said to be at rock bottom, and the supply of future graduate recruits to industry and commerce is in jeopardy.

Dr David Ingram, vice-chancellor of Kent University, said: "American universities made it clear that they expect to solve their difficulties in recruiting new staff by taking people from Britain's universities."

"They were very apologetic that this poaching was necessary. But they said it was a question of survival," Dr Ingram said.

Figures from the British Embassy in Washington show that more than 1,000 engineers

Graduate Starting Salary

	£
UK	7,420-8,100
Australia	8,440-11,700
Germany	10,880-13,600
Netherlands	8,100-11,000
Singapore	5,400-6,240
USA	10,500-13,620

and scientists are entering the US from Britain each year.

The report, which was commissioned by the Association of University Teachers and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, found that low pay and blocked promotion were the main deterrents to high quality applicants for university posts.

Although new graduate research staff start on comparable salaries of between £7,000 and £8,000, they fall behind fairly quickly.

By the age of 32 the median salaries of those working in the universities are 44 per cent below those working outside and 63 per cent below the salaries of "high-flyers".

University staff report dissatisfaction with their pay, deteriorating conditions for research, an increasing burden of administration and "distinct pessimism" about the future.

New recruits to the university system were seen as unsatisfactory by one-third of

Academics at Oxford pose legal problem

The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, Sir Patrick Naill QC, has said that the university could face legal action over its failure to fund fellowships for 38 academics.

In a report to the heads of Oxford colleges, Sir Patrick says some of the 38 staff, mostly university lecturers, are becoming impatient after waiting more than a year for a college fellowship.

"This is a point on which we are legally vulnerable. It also represents, quite simply, an injustice," he said.

The problem has arisen because although the university can appoint lecturers, it can not insist that a college confers a fellowship. Yet, according to the university's own rules, most lecturers are also entitled to a fellowship.

Sir Patrick suggests that a panel of "three wise men" should be appointed to allocate lecturers to colleges.

But some of the colleges, which insist on their right to govern themselves, are likely to resist any attempt to force them to give fellowships to university appointments, in spite of Sir Patrick's warning that legal advice has confirmed that "the university's position with regard to the existing non-fellows is at best insecure". College heads have until May 19 to respond.



On her twenty-second birthday, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones leaves her home in Fulham, west London, yesterday for the Royal Academy of Arts (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Airlines urged to improve safety test procedures

The 90-second evacuation time given for passengers to escape from aircraft in case of an emergency is not long enough to save lives, the Consumers' Association, which yesterday called for a review of the current test procedure, says.

In its magazine *Holiday Watch* it says the "approved" time for getting passengers out of an aircraft in case of an accident is not long enough for real emergencies.

The association says that many people can become unconscious from the effect of smoke well within 90 seconds, and it criticized the way evacuation tests failed to simulate accurately true accident conditions when panic, smoke and injury can slow people down.

"Fire and smoke are the major killers in all survivable plane crashes and passengers people killed worldwide, 1984 was one of the safest with 451 deaths.

Strip-search plea fails

Two women who have been awaiting trial since last August on charges of conspiracy to cause explosions, failed in the High Court yesterday to obtain an order restraining the governor of Brixton Prison from ordering strip searches.

Miss Martina Anderson claimed to have been strip-searched 248 times and Miss Ella O'Dwyer on 227 occasions. Mr Justice Hodgson said that he was restrained by binding authority from giving the women leave to seek judicial review.

'Useless grain' in storage

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

A Commons select committee says in a report published yesterday that it is "profoundly disturbed" that large sums of public money are being spent to purchase and store feed wheat, which the head of the Home Grown Cereals Authority, a government quango, has described as "inherently valueless".

The report says: "We are concerned that we are producing grain which we cannot sell for animal feed and is unfit for human consumption, particularly at a time when conditions of famine still exist in underdeveloped parts of the world."

The report, by the all-party agriculture committee, castigates Ministry of Agriculture officials for their lack of any sense of urgency.

Final estimates indicate that about 5,500,000 tonnes of surplus grain were being held in intervention storage in the United Kingdom at the end of last year, the committee says.

The Disposal and Storage of Cereal Surpluses (First Report from the Agriculture Committee, 1985-86. House of Commons Paper 23-1, Stationery office, £3.60.

Pesticide controls criticized

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Patients suffering from the effects of pesticide sprays did not receive proper treatment because of widespread ignorance about the symptoms, MPs were told yesterday.

In evidence to the Commons select committee on agriculture, Mr Nigel Dudley, a researcher with the Soil Association, said the police and others in authority were also uncertain how to deal with complaints of spray damage.

He appealed for much greater controls on the spraying of farmland. Doctors also needed a guide, giving the chemical make-up of different sprays.

Mr Dudley said the legal position of those claiming spray damage was also confused. Some large insurance companies were increasingly reluctant to pay out on claims, and those who took legal action against farmers often had to wait three or four years before their cases were heard.

The Soil Association, which advocates a return to organic farming, has called for a ban on the aerial spraying of arable crops and a change in spray machinery to stop drifting.

In evidence to the committee, which is investigating the effects of pesticides on humans, the association said many garden pesticides available in Britain were banned in other countries.

"Despite the hazards involved, garden pesticides are still sold with advertisements, leaflets and in containers which all minimize the dangers involved," it said.

Bail plea fails

A bail plea pending appeal by Judy Carne, aged 46, the actress who was jailed last week for drug offences, was rejected yesterday in the High Court.

She was given leave to appeal against the three-month sentence.

Science report

Vaccine gives hope to foot-and-mouth fight

By Andrew Coghlan

Prevention of the one epidemic among cattle which farmers dread most, foot-and-mouth disease, has become possible with a synthetic vaccine developed jointly by British and American scientists.

Dr Tim Doel and Dr Noel Mowat, of the UK Animal Virus Research Institute at Pirbright, Surrey, have tested a vaccine which carries key advantages over those used at present.

The newly-developed vaccine is a chemical manufactured in laboratories, unlike existing vaccines, which consist of an inactivated or "killed" version of the entire virus. It comprises parts of the virus which are recognized by the bovine defence system. This, in turn, forms white cells or anti-bodies to combat the infection.

The artificially-constructed vaccine, made of chemicals called peptides, is claimed to be superior to conventional vaccines in three ways.

While existing vaccines are composed of "dead" virus cells, there have been instances where contamination with "live" virus has occurred.

In 1981, thousands of cattle had to be burnt when an outbreak, caused by a contaminated vaccine, swept through Brittany, Jersey, and the Isle of Wight. The engineered version carries absolutely no risk of this, the researchers say, as it is simply a chemical.

Nor does it suffer from "cold chain problems". "If improperly refrigerated, traditional vaccines can decay in the tropics," Dr Doel says.

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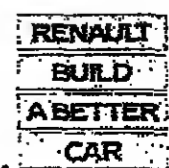
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Protest and division on May Day: South Africa

Huge black union stoppage

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg
South Africa's black trade unions yesterday staged the biggest demonstration of their organized might...

ed Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa), which has been launched by the Zulu Inkatha movement of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi...

She sent a message saying that she was unable to get there because a family member had been involved in a car accident...

Buthelezi told his huge crowd that the only result of disinvestment would be "an economic nosedive with the oppressive regime remaining intact..."

The Philippines

Marcos and Aquino supporters clash

From Keith Dalton Manila
Hundreds of supporters of the deposed President Marcos and pro-government workers clashed yesterday in a May Day street brawl...

along the city's main seaside thoroughfare opposite the US Embassy...

The fighting began when rival supporters of Mrs Aquino and Mr Marcos traded jeers and insults which flared into scattered stone-throwing incidents...

buried at parked cars and through shop windows.
Jungle clash: Helicopter gunships strafed and killed 30 Communist rebels being pursued by government troops...

Reagan confirms support to Laurel

The sporadic pitched battles, which lasted into the night, started shortly after President Aquino announced, in a nearby park, the lifting of strict anti-strike laws imposed during the rule of Mr Marcos...

Bali (AP) - President Reagan assured the Philippines Vice-President, Mr Salvador Laurel, yesterday that the United States supports the new Government of President Corazon Aquino...

ing official of Mrs Aquino's government since she and Mr Laurel took office in February after President Marcos fled in the face of popular unrest...

Reagan that "those doubts have been swept away". He added: "President Reagan and the United States Government recognize the new Government of President Aquino as the rightful or legitimate government of the Filipino people and does not recognize Mr Marcos as president..."

Afghanistan

Messages fail to mention Karmal

Islamabad (Reuters) - The Communist Party of Afghanistan greeted its workers yesterday in a May Day message devoid of the usual rounds of praise for President Babrak Karmal...

believe he has a lung ailment and perhaps leukaemia. They also think President Karmal, who missed last Sunday's Revolution Day parade in Kabul, may be out of favour with Moscow...

The Central Committee's message also failed to mention the 57-year-old Afghan leader even when referring to two political events previously associated with him...

Omissions like those in the May Day message point to his uncertain political future, they say.

Afghan officials say President Karmal is in the Soviet Union for extended medical treatment. Western diplomats

believe he has a lung ailment and perhaps leukaemia. They also think President Karmal, who missed last Sunday's Revolution Day parade in Kabul, may be out of favour with Moscow...

Spain

Deserted streets greet Communist marchers

Spanish workers were dismissed yesterday, as the country's two leading trade unions held separate May Day celebrations throughout the nation...

shouted: "Nai no, out with the bases," a reference to US military bases. In Barcelona the Communist workers shouted "left-wing unity," a reference to the recently-concluded pact among parties to the left of the Socialists to form an electoral coalition...

In Madrid, the Communist-led Worker's Commissions marched through streets deserted by an estimated 300,000 cars full of local people who left the city for a long weekend, taking advantage of the fact that today is also a holiday...

In Madrid's big Casa de Campo park, traditionally the venue of the Communist union on May Days past, the other big labour organization, the General Labour Union (UGT), gathered for a fiesta...

Smaller unions, including the Independent Worker's Trade Union and one faction of the anarchist National Federation of Labour joined the Communists in Madrid and Barcelona...

Since the UGT's leaders are all prominent members of the ruling Spanish Socialist Workers Party, the absence of the Socialist Prime Minister, Señor Felipe Gonzalez, was particularly noticeable, and it highlighted the friction between the union membership and its party...

Lagos runway robbers evade capture

Lagos (Reuters) - Armed robbers attacked an airliner taxiing for take-off at Lagos airport on Tuesday, the third such incident in a week, Nigerian newspapers reported...

Council aims to make a safer France

From Susan MacDonald Paris

The first meeting of the France's new Council for Internal Security was held in Paris yesterday under the chairmanship of M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, even though it was a public holiday...

A Nigeria Airways Boeing 737 was about to leave on a domestic flight when robbers on motorcycles raced up, forced open the cargo door and made off with two boxes...

The meeting, which lasted 90 minutes, brought together the ministers of the interior, defence, security, foreign affairs and justice, to discuss the problems of terrorism and crime...

The pilot, alerted by a warning light, called the control tower and security men gave chase. The robbers abandoned their loot and escaped...

The decision to hold it yesterday underlines the fact that ministers of the new Government do not intend invariably to take their full allocation of days off, and highlights the importance the Government attaches to reassuring the public that it is making France safer...

Last Thursday, a Spanish Iberia airliner was stopped just after landing when robbers blocked the runway with mobile aircraft steps and forced open the cargo door. On Sunday, an Ethiopian jet was held up by robbers on motorcycles while it was taxiing after landing...

M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, said that the council would meet on a weekly basis...

Planes are now being escorted along the runway.
Rock hall
Washington (UPI) - Cleveland, where the phrase "rock 'n' roll" was coined 35 years ago, has been selected as the site of a planned Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame...

M Chirac said that security in general and terrorism in particular were discussed, and that the new council would coordinate the several public services to improve crime fighting...



Mrs Nancy Reagan getting into the swing of things with two traditional dancers who performed for her at a cultural display near her hotel in Bali yesterday...

Uruguay wins hearts in Israel

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

A 21-gun salute boomed out over Jerusalem yesterday to mark the first occasion on which a visiting Head of State had agreed to be welcomed officially in the disputed capital...

The visitor in question was President Sanguinetti of Uruguay, whose country has a long history of support for Israel...

Although trade between the two is minimal, relations are good, especially since the Palestine Liberation Organization was refused permission to open an office in Montevideo...

President Sanguinetti is to sign a few minor economic agreements and have discussions with Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister...

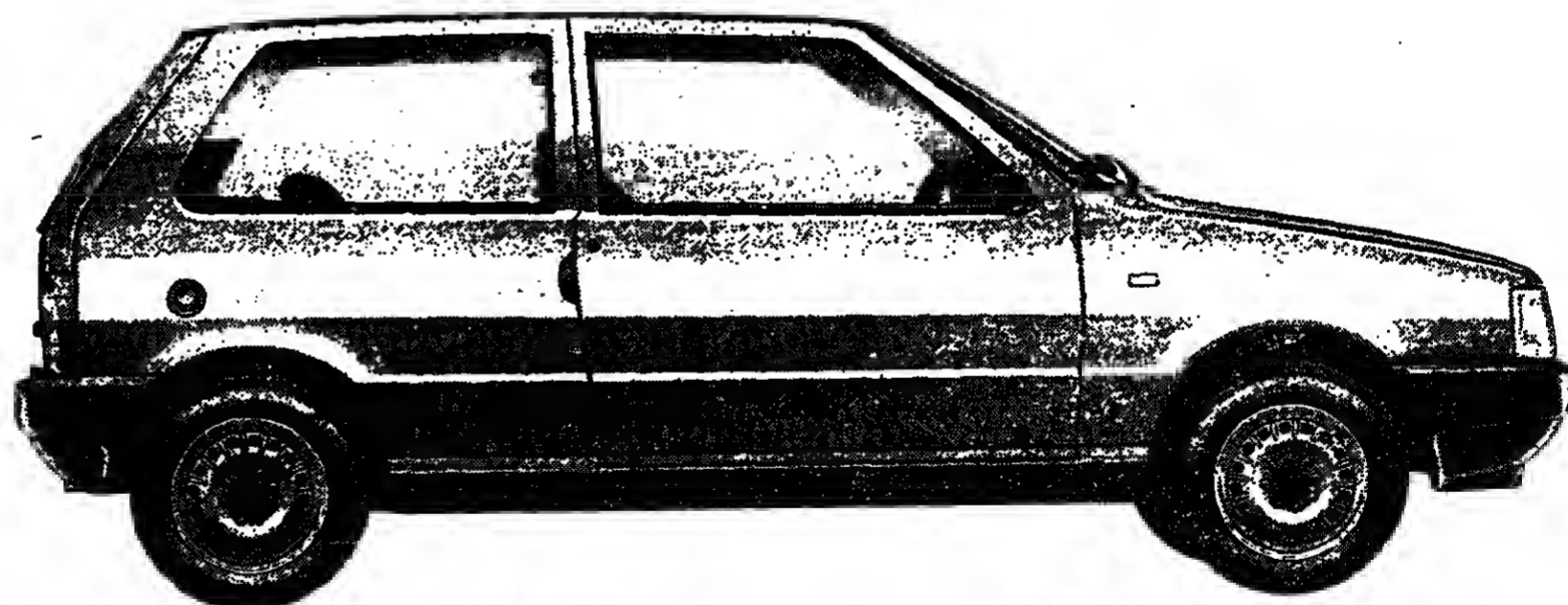
Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the deputy Prime Minister, meanwhile leaves today for Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica...

The outgoing President, Señor Luis Alberto Monge, won a special place in Israeli hearts last year when he agreed to transfer the Costa Rican Embassy back to Jerusalem...

The two visits underline the close links which Israel maintains with many Latin American countries, to whom it sells arms and provides military aid, all of it confidential...

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Bangladesh politicians held as Ershad moves to curb poll opposition

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

The Bangladesh military Government yesterday arrested more than 25 leading opposition politicians — including a former Parliament Speaker — in a sweeping move to curb activists opposed to next week's parliamentary elections, police sources said.

Policemen in plain clothes took the former Speaker, Mr Mirza Ghulam Hafiz, a close aide of the opposition leader, Begum Khaleda Zia, from his residence in western Dhaka, members of the family said.

The whereabouts of Begum Zia, who has been campaigning outside Dhaka against the polls, but most of them had gone into hiding, opposition sources said. Police had earlier stopped a torchlight process-

The arrests came after a new ban imposed by President Ershad on Wednesday, outlawing all anti-election demonstrations. The press was also ordered not to publish reports on rallies opposing the elections, to be held on May 7.

Among those arrested are Mr Oli Ahad, chief of the right-wing Democratic League, and the Socialist Party leader, Mr Mahbubul Haq, police said.

Security officials on Wednesday night also raided the homes of about a dozen politicians opposed to the polls, but most of them had gone into hiding, opposition sources said. Police had earlier stopped a torchlight process-

sion by hundreds of Zia supporters.

The Government ban was directed against Begum Zia, chief of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and a seven-party alliance, who urged the Army to resist what she called an "arranged" election to keep General Ershad in power.

Meanwhile, the authorities yesterday closed all universities and schools, and cancelled examinations next week to avoid trouble during polling.

Dhaka university, the scene of violent anti-election demonstrations in April, had been abruptly closed after several bombs exploded on the campus on Tuesday night.

More than 40 killed in jungle war

From Our Correspondent Dhaka

More than 40 people were killed and at least 60 others wounded as tribal guerrillas fighting a secessionist jungle war in Bangladesh's south-eastern hill tracts attacked three villages and a bazaar with mortars and sub-machine-guns late on Tuesday night, Interior Ministry officials said yesterday.

They said that the guerrillas

were members of the Marxist-led Shantibahini (peace force), which has demanded independence for the Chittagong hill tracts, which are home to 500,000 Buddhist Chakma and Marma tribes, and account for almost 20 per cent of Bangladesh's land area.

The region's leading civil administrator, reached by telephone, said that more than 40 people had been missing since the raid. Many of the dead are

women and children.

The victims are landless Muslim Bengali farmers from the plains who were resettled in the hills by the Government, a step which triggered the secessionist movement in 1976.

The massacre came less than six months after President Ershad declared that the tribal war had died down and most of the guerrillas had surrendered.

India will not expel Tamil guerrillas

From a Correspondent Colombo

It is not possible to expel Tamil guerrillas from the Indian state of Tamil Nadu because of the public sympathy they enjoy, the Indian Minister of State, Mr P. Chidambaram, said yesterday.

Mr Chidambaram, who is heading an Indian Government delegation to Colombo in an attempt to resolve Sri Lanka's ethnic problem, told Mr Anura Bandaranaike, the Sri Lankan Opposition leader, that it would have been possible four years ago.

Mr Bandaranaike, the son of the former Prime Minister, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, told the Indian minister that any proposed solution to the ethnic problem would have to be acceptable to the majority Sinhalese community.

Meanwhile, clashes between two of the main Tamil separatist groups have left at least 120 dead, according to the security forces.

Yesterday the town of Jaffna remained calm, but elsewhere fighting between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation (Tel) continued.

Government estimates on Wednesday night put the numbers killed at 95 Telo guerrillas and 26 Tigers.



King Bhumipol of Thailand greeting Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, and his wife Hannelore, who are en route to the Tokyo summit, at Ban Haa Hin, south of Bangkok.

Wife told captives in Qatar are safe

Bahrain (Reuter) — A Briton held with 28 other foreigners in Qatar in a dispute with Bahrain over a Gulf coral reef telephoned his wife here yesterday to say that he and the other captives were safe.

Twenty-four Filipinos, two Thais, two Britons and a Dutchman were seized on Saturday by Qatari troops who landed in helicopters on Facht al-Dibel reef, where they were preparing the ground for a Bahraini coastguard base.

Mrs Susan Thompson said yesterday that her husband, Richard, had telephoned from Qatar saying that all the prisoners were safe and were being well treated. None had been hurt in the Qatari raid, during which shots were fired towards them and at a nearby tugboat.

He had not known when they might be freed, she added, but diplomatic sources say that their release is believed to be imminent.

They say that the British Ambassador in Doha, Mr Julian Walker, was told yesterday that he could visit Mr Thompson and the other Britons, Mr Brian Davies, for the first time. It is not known if he has not done so.

Diplomatic sources say that the Qataris have now withdrawn from the reef, but there is no official confirmation from either side in the dispute.

Stroessner quick to quell protests

Asuncion (Reuter) — President Stroessner of Paraguay has ordered police to curb a budding opposition movement that is making one of the first challenges to his 32 years of strong-arm rule, opposition politicians say.

The police have used tear gas, water cannon, clubs and warning shots, leading to violent clashes that have ended the long-term political calm.

Government officials say that banned political parties and workers have been plotting against the Government in recent weeks by making unprecedented public protests for freedom and higher pay.

The Government is said to be particularly suspicious of

the US Ambassador, Mr Clyde Taylor, who has met leaders of the banned parties and of the Catholic Church.

Opposition leaders say they fear that an attack on Tuesday on a leading radio station by an armed group of followers of General Stroessner, aged 73, could herald the appearance of paramilitary groups.

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The EEC budget

Spending may hit £23bn ceiling

From A Correspondent, Brussels

Mr Henning Christophersen, the European Budget Commissioner, has proposed a £1.36 billion supplementary budget to bail the EEC out of its financial difficulties in 1986.

The proposal would take the Community's spending to £23.25 billion, which is the ceiling forced on it by the limit of 1.4 per cent of national VAT contributions to EEC revenues.

Mr Christophersen said that his proposal used up all the available funds, but did not breach the 1.4 per cent limit as some officials had feared might be likely.

The extra spending was caused in part by an overpayment by Britain in 1985, which meant that the Community was legally bound to refund £325 million to the United Kingdom.

Spain and Portugal would also get £94.25 million, Mr Christophersen said. This was in relief of their contributions to the EEC in their first year of membership.

But he gave a warning that the funds remaining within the ceiling did not allow him to budget for the full £910 million in additional agricultural spending or the £759 million in extra spending on the Community's structural policies, which unforeseen ex-

penditure so far this year and projected needs for the rest of the year demanded.

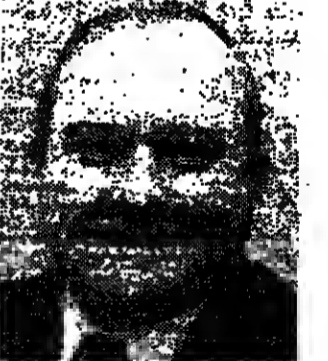
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Green currencies key to farm compromise

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

The marathon EEC farm price-fixing round this month and the crisis over the 1986 budget have focused attention on the use of green currencies, the European Monetary System (EMS) and complex agricultural arrangements.

Behind the impenetrable EEC jargon lie realities which can make or break European farmers, and especially those whose profit margin is small and whose overheads are increasing.

The "green" currencies, including the green pound, have softened the impact of rising costs in the countryside during the past decade, though many European farmers still complain that the prices they obtain for their produce are not high enough.

Until the early 1970s farm prices were calculated in national currencies in Europe, but farmers suffered from exchange rate fluctuations. As a stopgap measure, the EEC compensates countries with weak currencies and protects them from fluctuations through a system known as Monetary Compensatory Amounts, or MCAs.

But the long-term answer lies in the green currencies, which are related to the ECU (European Currency Unit) and are fixed regardless of exchange rate changes. The ECU is itself based on a basket of European currencies.

The green currencies are fixed whenever the EMS is realigned, the most recent being at Otmarsum in Holland on April 6. The French franc was devalued by 3 per cent at Otmarsum, and the Deutsche mark, the strongest EMS currency, retained by 3 per cent. (Sterling is not a member of the EMS, which was formed in 1979.)

As a consequence, at the farm ministers' meeting last Friday green currencies were

also devalued, with the exception of the green mark and the Dutch guilder, which is linked to the mark.

This reduces the impact of other farm measures taken on Friday, and above all the freeze on agricultural prices. In other words, although French farmers, for example, did not get the price rises they were seeking for their products, they will none the less receive more in reality because the green franc has been devalued.

This was the key to the farm price compromise package, and to the agreement on the controversial cereals tax, to which there had been strong opposition.

The farm ministers dodged some of the key problems by putting on one side a Commission proposal for phasing out beef and other livestock subsidies, and avoided making a cut in butter prices.

But the cereals production tax, known as the co-responsibility levy, was adopted in the teeth of West German opposition.

The 3 per cent tax will be paid by cereal farmers whether they sell their products to intervention stores (the so-called food mountains), to cereal processors or on the open market. The tax revenue will then be used to pay for export subsidies to dispose of surpluses.

The term "co-responsibility" is supposed to impress on the farmer that he, too, has to help to pay for surplus disposal.

The loophole, however, is that the cereals tax does not apply to grain which is consumed "locally", which appears to mean either on the farm concerned or on neighbouring farms. And that is likely to happen increasingly if cereal farmers wish to avoid paying the new tax.



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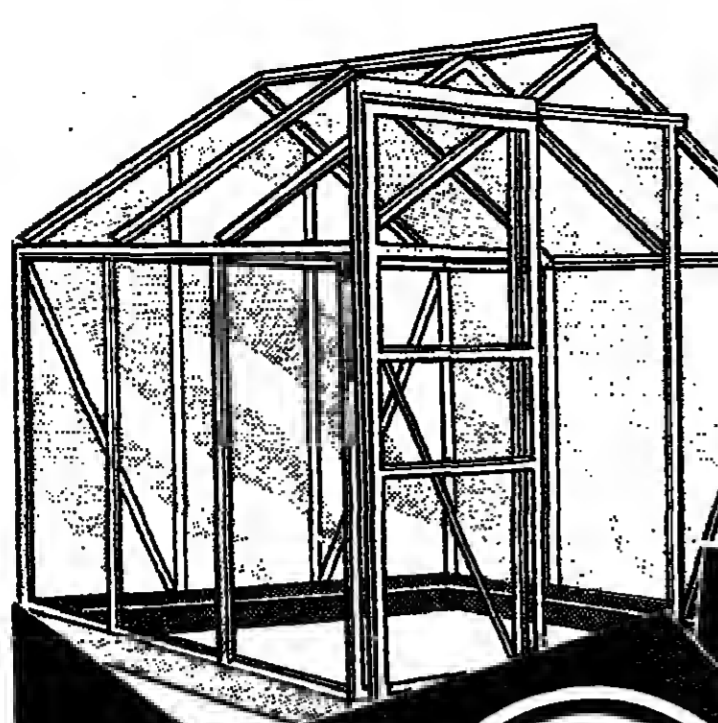
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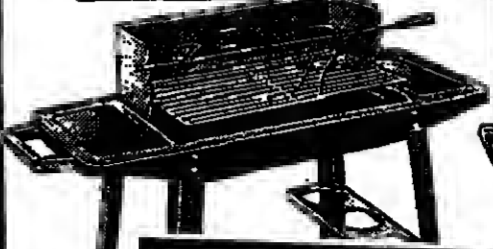
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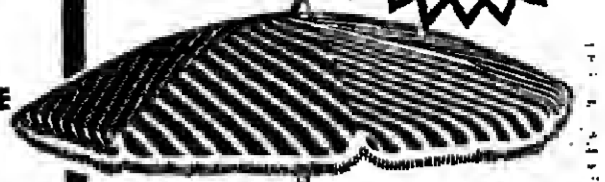


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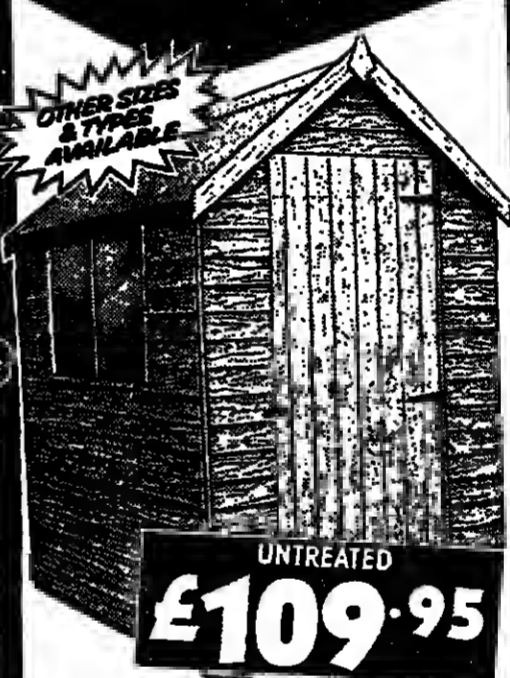
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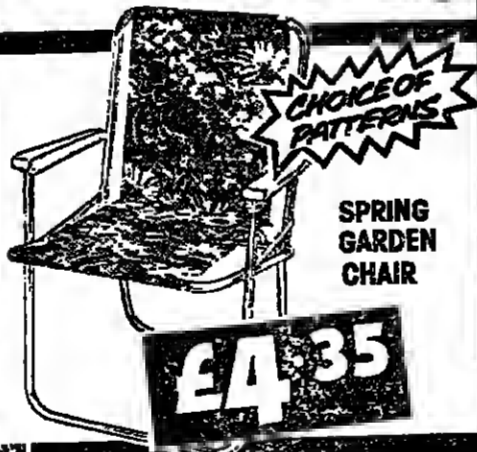
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Gamblers with the City at stake

A £2 billion building project is set to transform London's rejuvenated docklands into the West's financial capital. But as Bryan Appleyard reports, stunned experts in the City are claiming that the plan could turn out to be a developer's graveyard

As you enter Michael Cassidy's 20th-floor flat in the Barbican he will be saying something like: "Well of course Canary Wharf is outside our area so we have no real right to comment". By the time you reach the living room, about 15 seconds later, he will be saying: "I can't imagine what they base their estimates on, we don't need that much office space".

'We just don't need that much office space'

Michael Cassidy

Mall which juts out into the West India docks on the northern fringes of the Isle of Dogs. Dotted about are the little successes of the London Docklands Development Corporation — fragments of slick architecture erected by committees eager to exploit the financial and planning incentives available for docklands rewriters.

was that, in a country which had grown accustomed to thinking small, this all seemed like some sort of mistake, a kind of fantasy. But it all makes perfect sense if you remember that through Canary Wharf runs the Greenwich Meridian — 0 degrees of longitude — and that there is currently more hot cash slushing around the globe than ever before.

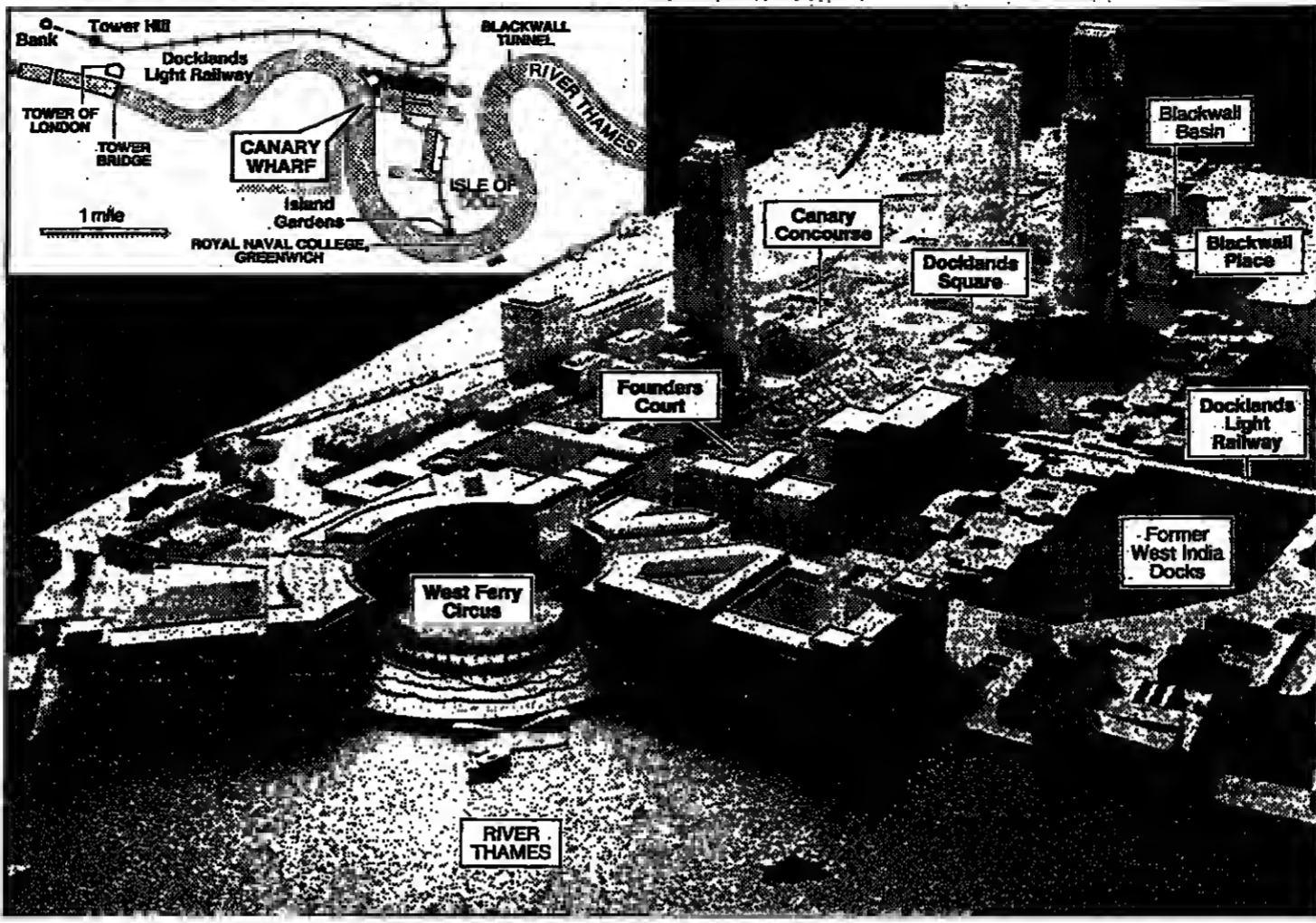
After 1973, the year of the Arab oil price rises, money changed. Huge surpluses were generated in the Middle East and the western banking system had to adjust to find ways of recycling these funds. As the economies recovered, the system grew more sophisticated in providing more efficient ways of making more money out of money.

In 1976 the Chicago Financial Futures Market was born and, since then, financial services have been exploding in all directions. Vast, open-plan floor areas are now required to provide instant visual and personal communication between dealers. In addition, massive computer and air-conditioning requirements mean that the floors have to be deeper — 15ft against 11 or 12ft in the usual office building. These demands render almost every existing office building obsolete.

The significance of the Greenwich Meridian is that it indicates Britain's ancient role as the centre of the world. Today this makes sense because we lie in a time zone between New York and Tokyo. The new financial markets have to be in action 24 hours a day, so a centre in Western Europe is essential. With its language and a history as a financial capital, London is the obvious choice.

"London," says Scott Lowry, Travelstead's second in command, "would have to work pretty hard to destroy itself as a financial centre." But when a handful of banks began looking for new sites in the City four years ago, they found nothing, even though they were looking for only 1.2 million sq. ft. The alternative was docklands but, Travelstead says, it would not have been an economic move for that amount of space as the infrastructure costs — transport, electricity and so on — would be too great.

So Canary Wharf was born. The overall plan, put together by the banks — and including some 20 schemes — is so big that it justifies its own telephone, electricity, water and rail systems. Potential customers will buy a freehold and have their own building designed, although it will have to meet with the approval of the consortium's architects, Skidmore, Owings and



Super-centre: a model of the proposed project for London's Canary Wharf — the biggest property development in the world

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No planning permission is necessary as the area is designated as an enterprise zone and customers will get a six-year rates holiday as part of the package. And the promised benefits seem staggering: once the holiday ended, the rate income for the borough of Tower Hamlets would double instantly; 57,000 permanent new jobs would be created; the Chancellor would receive £340 million extra in tax and national insurance, and so on.

The figures were spewed gleefully from the Henley Centre, which investigated the scheme. They were commissioned by Travelstead but were, he says,

strictly independent. Even if they were 50 per cent out with their numbers, however, the whole package would still look like an offer that nobody in charge of a decaying borough, declining economy and obsolete building stock could seriously refuse.

Tower Hamlets bought the idea, as did the Government, and the LDDC felt it was about to achieve some kind of institutional apotheosis. That left the City and the environmentalists jointly outraged and irritatingly lacking in bureaucratic weapons.

The environmentalist case was that the towers were far too big and ruined the view from Greenwich Park over Inigo Jones's masterpiece, the Queen's House,

and Wren's somewhat feebler Royal Naval College. Travelstead obligingly shifted one of the towers to the right, but he need hardly have bothered as that part of the environmentalist case was dreadfully weak anyway. Nobody can seriously claim that the existing view from Greenwich Park, a focusless, meandering mass of unattractive buildings, is anything but drab.

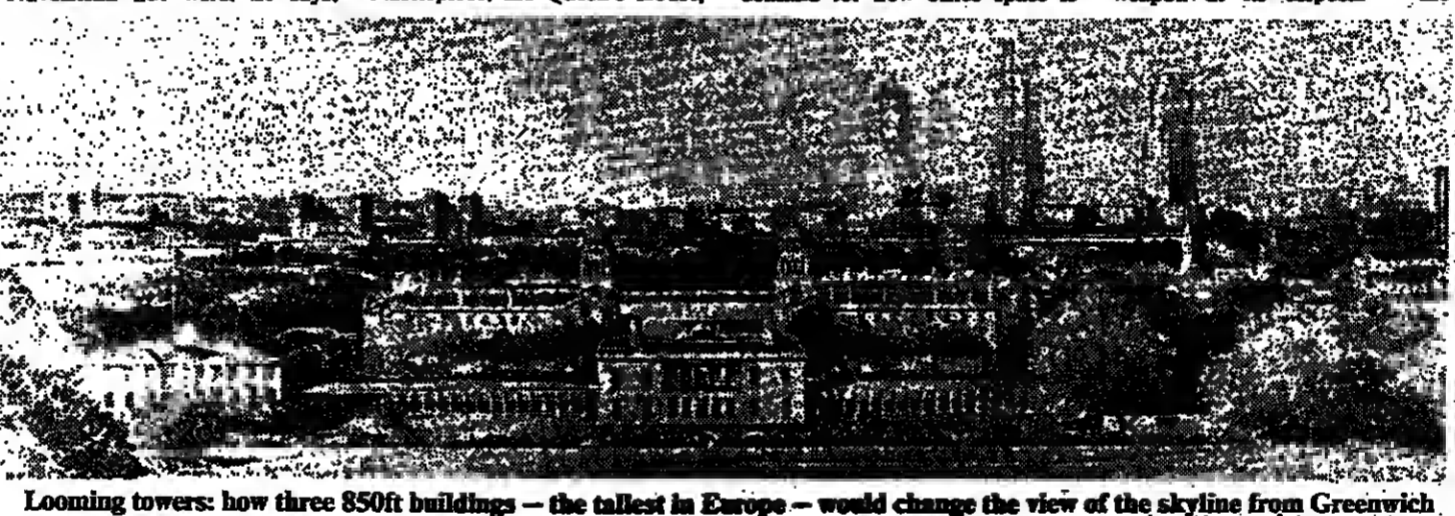
Canary Wharf does not, however, look like being great architecture. The architects have come up with a safe rather than exciting assembly of buildings.

The City argues that the whole scheme is a white elephant. City researchers show that immediate demand for new office space is

barely a quarter of what Travelstead expects to sell, and Canary Wharf could knock the bottom out of the London commercial property market and leave many offices empty. The City believes its existing 69 million sq. ft. in the Square Mile needs to be increased only gradually. Indeed, last year it produced a massive relaxation of planning controls which could allow for another 20 million sq. ft. The City swears it was a coincidence that this was done just as Canary Wharf appeared.

But even with a Tory Government, the City has no friends on this issue. So its resistance has been manifested by the only weapon at its disposal — the

insurance brokers have already moved outside its eastern boundary — Canary Wharf marks the far end of the corridor they have begun to build. The old artificial line of a medieval local authority has been breached — if Canary Wharf goes ahead the remainder of that line will begin, slowly and silently, to vanish. Neither of them will admit it, but Travelstead is killing the City, and Cassidy knows it.



Looming towers: how three 850ft buildings — the tallest in Europe — would change the view of the skyline from Greenwich

'I don't see what the City's problem is'

G. Ware Travelstead

Docklands Railway. Originally this ran only as far as Tower Hill but, for Travelstead, it was vital that it ran as far as Bank — in fact, no Bank link, no Canary Wharf. The City thought the extension should run through to Cannon Street and the ball has been steadily knocked back and forward. The Railway Bill has still to go through Parliament and remains the only obstacle left.

The City knows it will lose eventually, but insists that its engineering and planning objections to the railway scheme are genuine and not inspired simply by enmity towards Canary Wharf.

Travelstead expects the railway to be virtually wrapped up by June and to be on site by July. He will tolerate delays until October but, after that, he goes elsewhere. More bluff, says the City, which is convinced that the whole of Canary Wharf will never be built — that Travelstead is using the scale of the plan to bludgeon through a much smaller deal. In the Barbican Cassidy looks knowing, in Mayfair the Kennickian sports in derision.

Even if the City is right, even if the new financial markets collapse overnight, the Canary Wharf scheme has been a pre-emptive strike at deeply entrenched British attitudes. On the environmental side it has exposed the naggy misconceptions held by many conservationists. The fact is that London as a whole would benefit from some buildings of real scale. It has also stated the ultimate question for conservationists — do you want the future or not?

In political terms it has swamped a Labour area with capitalism on such a scale that the party has been unable to raise so much as an ideology in protest. It has also driven a neat wedge between the City and its traditional friends at Westminster.

Perhaps most lasting of all, it has challenged the existence of the City, an institution whose medieval identity has survived thus far because of the need by the inhabitants of financial trading centres to meet, have lunch and impress each other. But, with the highest rents in the world and an appallingly low office stock compared to New York or Tokyo, something has to change.

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A future with a great past behind it

It was a silly idea. Only the BBC could suppose that there was a TV audience, its supper still on its stomach, which would settle down once a week to an early evening dose of science and technology by the name of *Modern Age*.

But the audience has settled down once a week, barring holiday breaks, for 21 years now, and we who doubted it would run six months can only pause in awe before its durability and its viewing figures. They now run to 10 to 12 million, which would be a tidy enough sum for a soap, and which puts to shame the frailty of the faith of its founders all those years ago.

Glyn Jones, the first producer of Tomorrow's World, reviews 21 years of success for television's showcase of scientific things to come

overall budget of £2,000 for each programme had been curbed by the BBC to £1,500 — enough, perhaps, in 1986 to field one production team for one day for one item. Perhaps the optimistic chime in that title rings a little hollow today when we know that science does not inevitably deliver a saner society. But it seemed exactly right for the summer Sixties, when we thought we would all be warmed by the white heat of the technological revolution (the need for which grows more, not less, intense in Britain).

was a sequence though, in programme six, in which a Texan in a station gazed across the dark waters of the east coast and said the waves would soon shimmer with the flares of the production platforms. Poor man, I think we laughed him off.

Often, *Tomorrow's World* got admirably near the nail, even if it seldom hit the acceptance of the late 20th century culture of change. Science-struck school children whose chapter and verse for their less literate parents and teachers formed the contents of last night's programme would probably agree. Martin Freeth says: "It's rubbed off on millions over the years. It must make for a more sciences-literate society. We didn't often get it exactly right, but we're still trying. If you can do that for 12 million people in prime time, it's worthwhile."

Difficult it may be to pick a winner, but to time its arrival correctly is even more fraught. Twenty years ago atomic fusion and fast breeder reactors were to be the nuclear energy wonders of 20 years hence. Today they are still 20 years away — perhaps even 30.

Perhaps *Tomorrow's World* is really about an attitude — the acceptance of the late 20th century culture of change. Science-struck school children whose chapter and verse for their less literate parents and teachers formed the contents of last night's programme would probably agree. Martin Freeth says: "It's rubbed off on millions over the years. It must make for a more sciences-literate society. We didn't often get it exactly right, but we're still trying. If you can do that for 12 million people in prime time, it's worthwhile."

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Emma Nicholson leads a team of career women committed to political advancement

The most high flyer

The ladies of the West Oxfordshire Conservative Association seemed to have enjoyed their morning. "She was superb. Not a sign of nerves. Facts at her finger tips. Never at a loss for an answer. Good strong stuff."

An address from the Conservative Party Leader? You would have thought so. But no, it appears that the Tory Party has at least one other strong, fluent, female striker waiting on the touchline. They had just had a taste of the Emma Nicholson phenomenon.

By some quirk of democratic fate Miss Nicholson is not actually a Member of Parliament at the moment. This should be put right at the next general election, when she takes over in Devon West and Torridge from Sir Peter Mills, who is retiring, having gained a 12,000 majority at the last election. Meanwhile she is nursing that gentle trout stream constituency in her personal wholehearted manner. This not only involves "a regular programme of coffee mornings and house-to-house visits, followed up by personal letters throughout the whole constituency", it also means that she can be found singing twice every Sunday in the Hatherleigh church choir.

But there is more. After the last election Mrs Thatcher and Willie Whitelaw brought her into central office as a party vice-chairman in charge of women. She has set herself the task of changing the face of Tory womanhood. No more pretty hats and backroom slavery. She wants to recruit what she calls "the high flyers". She is in direct opposition to the high priestess of upwardly mobile young people, Lyone Franks, who is going after the same group for the Labour Party. When Emma Nicholson arrived, there were eight women on the central office candidates list. Now there are 90.

Arranging to meet her is like organizing a rendezvous with Halley's Comet. There is a patient male on her staff who kept passing me

position fixes; she was in the Isle of Wight one moment, then Devon, then London "to brief Norman" and run a High Flyers conference. Then it was Scotland for five speeches, back for a speech in Douglas Hurd's constituency and then on to Cornwall to speak in Truro. I ought to see her soon, he advised, for the Turkish Prime Minister had invited her to see what they were doing about the advancement of women in Istanbul and Dr Hastings Banda wanted her in Malawi for the anniversary of their independence. Her crowded schedule is also a reason for her single status; "Lots of people have wanted to marry me but I've always been too busy."

Eventually I found myself in charge of the plastic carrier bag she uses for her overnight things ("I suppose I should get a suitcase") as we went off to have lunch at the home of her 84-year-old father, Sir Godfrey Nicholson, who was himself an MP for 34 years. As Sir Godfrey conducted me to the stables to tap one of his barrels of home-made cider (brewing habits die hard for a former chairman of Nicholson's Gin), he delivered his own judgement on his daughter: "She is the most remarkable woman I know."

Just how remarkable was gradually revealed. She is a sturdy, handsome 44, a long-distance walker and a cross-country skier. She spent her early life aiming to be a professional musician. She was school organist, head of the choir and deputy head girl at St Mary's, Wantage. At the Royal Academy of Music she sailed through her piano, cello and singing exams, but something was wrong. "I just wasn't making the progress that was expected of me."

Suddenly, the reason for that became all too clear. She had been seriously deaf since birth. For the early part of her life she had missed much of what was happening around her. Medical technology has now removed this drawback.

With her musical career in ruins, she decided, in 1963, that the coming thing was computers. ICL, who were looking for mathematicians, turned her down for their computer course. Her knowledge of Greek, Latin, Aramaic, Hebrew and music did not impress the deputy personnel officer. The Emma Nicholson persuasion changed that.

"There followed 10 years in computer and general management consultancy work. It was a wonderful grounding in business. Before I could write a programme for a company I had to find out how it worked." In 1973 she made another radical career switch, joining the Save The Children Fund as director of fund-raising. When she arrived, the fund's annual income was £3.3 million. When she left to tackle full-time politics last year it was £42 million.

"I saw, going round with my father as a child, that politics was the easiest way of getting things changed, that the House of Commons was the place where decisions were taken which affect people's lives. And I saw an awful lot of things I wanted changed."

Adopted for an industrial constituency, Blyth in Northumberland, she admits "I didn't really know how to start, so I went to see Mrs Thatcher for advice. She told me to spend every Saturday afternoon in the housing estates. So I did - every Saturday afternoon for three and a half years. It worked. At the 1979 election I got the highest ever Conservative vote in Blyth. The Liberal lost his deposit, which was fun."

She was left without a constituency at the last election because, as she puts it, "I tried above my level". She was offered three hopeless seats but no one offered her a winnable one. This may have been the party's gain in the long run, for she has been able to concentrate on rallying the New Woman to the cause.

"From my experience in industry, women who achieve success are exceptionally able people, with clear judgement and well organized lives.

The skills of these women are needed in politics. The qualities which make a woman bank manager are qualities which should inform government and help put together legislation."

By visiting anything between six and a dozen constituencies every week she has amassed a collection of names and instructed all her contacts "to go out and find other people like you". She now heads a huge female network of upwardly mobile talent. "I'm trying to tap their support without wrecking their professional lives. Our High Flyers conference, for instance, was deliberately timed for 10.30am-3.30pm to allow the conscientious women to do a day's work before and afterwards."

The trouble, she says, is they are so easily discouraged. "You have to keep bouncing back in politics. Women aren't very good at that. Just the other day one of my women was turned down for a seat which she was tipped to get. She rang me up and said: 'That's it, Emma, I'm taking my name off the list.' I took me 20 minutes on the telephone, followed by a letter, followed by a visit, to stop her. After all, I tell them, I know what it's like. I have had 35 interviews for seats myself."

She has a certain scorn for sociology - "woolly thinking" - and for "under-performing teachers". She believes in the central management of education and higher pay for teachers based on an assessment of their work. "It is under-performing teachers who are blocking this development. In industry we welcomed work assessment as a way towards advancement, more pay, better opportunities."

"Don't think I am doing all this without support from the very top", she says. "I often send papers to Mrs Thatcher, and follow them up with a visit. We don't always agree, but that's the fun of politics. I enjoy our sessions." **Pearson Phillips**

Why love letters tell only half the story

The billets-doux of Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson distort their memory, argues Libby Purves

It's been going on for a week now, so we must all know that *canum* was the late Edward VIII's private word, meaning "little and pathetic and sweet"; that he and Mrs Simpson had a code for themselves, "WE", meaning "Wallis and Edward"; and that he ended his letters "God Bless WE". We know about the phlegm, the hushing breaths, the admulatory maternal remarks and the sheer confidence of the married woman who called the Prince of Wales a "nice boy" and reckoned that she and he and poor old Ernest could happily rub along together, with a bit of tact, even when the Prince's outpourings had become mollen.

We have, courtesy of Michael Bloch's book (serialized in the *Daily Mail*), opened a few dozen ancient letters addressed to "The King, The Fort, Sunningdale, Angleterre", and a few more from the royal pen itself. We have pored over the coy and unpunctuated contents. And it has all been pretty uncomfortable, even when loosely disguised as "history".

Oddly enough, it was all the more embarrassing because these two avid lovers - dust and ashes, now, beyond suffering from history's verdict - were in fact notable for nothing at all, other than their love and its constitutional results.

Windsor letters were any more... well, *canum*, to use a kind word than anybody else's. They were poorly expressed and repetitive, but no more so than you would expect of that brittle cocktail generation. Neither of them was a Keats, but then, how many of us are? The great majority of love-letters, exposed to the common gaze, would probably look banal, affected and sickening, just like the Valentine messages to Tiggy-pook, Rumpelstumpff and Snoggin the Snog, published annually in the newspapers.

Equally, all love-letters, including the WE correspondence, have flashes of genuinely moving, universal poetry, usually well hurried in a load of indecipherable references to Easter Bunnies and Tiggers (Winnie the Pooh has a lot to answer for). No, it is not a personal slight upon the Duke and Duchess to wonder, reading the letters, whether it was really worth a scholarly, meticulous chap's while to spend years typing them out and arranging them for the printed page. History? Bunk.

Love-letters prove nothing but love. The only excuse for printing them is if the writers have the rare gift of disciplining their outpourings; which means, generally, that they are professionals. Look at Keats: he scornfully rejected the sentimental finesse in the letters of Rousseau; as he wrote to Fanny Brawne: "The common gossiping of washerwomen must be less disgusting than the continual and eternal fence and attack of Rousseau and these sublime petticoats."

Thank God I am born in England with my own great men before my eyes. Thank God that you are fair and can love me without being letter-written and sentimentalized into it."

And yet he himself, in a more straightforward and English way, was writing literary and love-letters. He couldn't help it. He was a poet. "Every hour I am more and more concentrated in you; everything else tastes like chaff in my mouth." Two good, fresh metaphors in one apparently spontaneous sentence; well worth reading.

Or take James Joyce's missives to Nora Barnacle; he couldn't avoid comedy, even at his mistress's feet: "I offended two men today by leaving them coolly. I wanted to hear your voice, not theirs. When I am with you I leave aside my contemptuous, suspicious nature. I wish I felt your head on my shoulder. I think I will go to bed."

This is not to say that the

The other sort of good love-letters are those written in a more formal age, when picking up a pen meant automatic self-discipline. I suppose paper was in shorter supply. The letters between the condemned Rnyalist Mr Penruddock and his wife, in 1655, are among the jewels in Elizabeth Jane Howard's anthology of these things. Mrs Penruddock is: "Yours sad but constant wife, even to love your ashes when dead... Your children beg your blessing, and present their duties to you" and he replies: "Do not think meanly of me, that I give way to grief now in private, when I see my sand run so fast... I thank you for all your goodness in me."

In restraint is strength; but this is a lesson that modern lovers are incapable of learning. From the first pubescent moment when we commit to pink paper the sweetest belovedest Angel sweetheart, Ro, I couldn't sleep all NITE truly darling", we reject reason and grammar. If we didn't, we'd think ourselves calculating and cold.

I can tell you, though, that future generations are not going to be deprived of material for their anthologies of 1980s billets-doux. Rather to my surprise, every single woman I asked, and two of the men, admitted to having a



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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Statesmen, when they travel, should always bear in mind the fate of the late Lord George-Brown who was so disorientated by jetlag, or a failure to observe the disciplines of long-distance travel, that his diplomatic mission had to be abandoned and Her Majesty's Foreign Secretary returned to Britain early to recover. White House advisers have made it plain that nothing so ignominious will overtake their President Reagan, currently on a tour of south-east Asia.

While on board his plane he will eschew alcohol, and drink up to five pints of fluid a day to keep him hydrated. He will eat easily digested carbohydrates in the morning, have plenty of tea and coffee in the afternoon, and proteins for supper. His journey will be spaced out with several stops to allow his natural time clock, "the circadian rhythm" which governs the body's physiological systems, to adjust to crossing several time zones.

Ideally there should be a 24-hour pause for each zone, but few schedules allow this. Sleep is all important, and British physicians usually recommend a short-acting benzodiazepine (temazepam, (Normison or Euhypnos) in order to ensure a night's rest.

If the President is a catnapper so much the better, for the very deep sleep of the catnap provides some protection against jetlag. On arrival, after a cheery wave all round, the traveller should be allowed to have a good night's sleep before having to face the world.

Dr Frank Preston, medical adviser to British Airways, is not certain if this regime, or any other, will prevent jetlag. He said: "Travellers must realize that the body shuts up shop from time to time. The digestion, colonic activity, the pancreas and the stomach, all close down for the night from

midnight to six and it takes time for the system to adjust to a time change.

"People shouldn't eat when the body is closed, but I suppose that if they have to, carbohydrate would be easier to absorb."

Hormone therapy

Hormone replacement therapy has advanced since the Somerset Maugham era when discussion of it conjured up an image of furtive trips to Swiss clinics and hints of monkey gland extracts. Some of the quackery which surrounded it in the 1930s may account for the reluctance of GPs to talk about it with post-menopausal patients - a reluctance which condenses many post-menopausal women to unnecessary osteoporosis (thinning of the bones) which can result in fatal fractures and coronary heart disease.

Dr Malcolm Pike, of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, talking recently at the BMA annual scientific meeting, helped to redress the balance. The use of hormones would cut the death rate from fractures in older women by 60 per cent, and the death rate from coronary heart disease - rapidly becoming a scourge in women as well as men - by half.

However, there is a risk, and Dr Pike told the conference that it is up to a patient's doctor to weigh the benefit of against the increased chance of developing cancer of the breast or lining of the womb. Both have been associated with oestrogen therapy.

It is hoped that the increased incidence of cancer of the uterus will be greatly reduced if not entirely removed

jected to fallout the skin must be washed down, by showering rather than bathing. The Americans recommend dousing patients with water to which has been added a special solution, Radiac Wash, which helps to prevent absorption through the skin.

If radiiodine levels have increased patients are given a dose of that hallowed Victor remedy Lugols solution of iodine. All Polish children have been given either Lugols solution or a saturated solution of potassium iodide so that thyroid uptake of iodine has been blocked for at least several days.

If the dose is known to have been large a diuresis by taking "water pills" is recommended. Patients who have been subjected to radioactive fallout should be monitored by using hand meters and their urine analysed for non-gamma emitting radionuclides. The itinerant traveller to eastern Europe would be well advised to avoid fresh milk and green vegetables.

Toys noise danger

It seems that guo battles in the nursery may affect the hearing of young children just as their grandfathers would have been battered by the rifle ranges of Caterick or Caterham, or teenage brothers and sisters by the noisy disco.

A group of doctors in Sweden has recently produced evidence that babies' hearing, which is particularly sensitive, may suffer lasting loss when exposed to levels of noise from their toys - levels which may not in any way be trying to adults. Particularly damaging are percussion noises such as might be made by toy guns or fireworks.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 1: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, this morning attended the laying up Ceremony of the Old Guide of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars at Windsor Castle.

Worship Company (Mr A.B. Wilson).
CLARENCE HOUSE
May 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by the National Council of Women of Great Britain to mark the twenty-fourth Plenary Conference of the International Council of Women at St James's Palace.

Company at Clothworkers' Hall, London EC3.
Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell were in attendance.
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 1: Princess Alexandra, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, attended the 15th Day which was held at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J.P. Vealeigh and the Hon Victoria Butler
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Vealeigh, of Croyde, North Devon, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Dunboyne, of Chelsea, London.

Lieutenant B.H.G. Falk, RN, and Miss K.L. Mercer
The engagement is announced between Benedict, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.G. Falk, of Bressingham, Norfolk, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C.H. Mercer, of Cleve St Margaret, Shropshire.

Mr C.A. Merchant and Miss F.C. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Major and Mrs K.A. Merchant, of York, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Hamilton, of 14 Hillpark Road, Edinburgh.



Seven candidates have been nominated for the office of General by the High Council of the Army...

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barrass, 68; Sir Hugh Cortazzi, 62; Brigadier F. C. Curtis, 82; Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, 82; Mr Alastair Forbes, 68; Mr Peter Foster, 67; Mr Sir Ian Gledhill, 67; Mr Sir Campbell Fraser, 63; Brigadier E.L.G. Griffith-Williams, 92; Mr Henry Hall, 88; Sir James Hamilton, 63; Colonel Sir Denis Hicks, 78; Professor Mr George Holmes, 65; Mr Clive Jenkins, 60; Mr Michael Kaser, 60; Mr Malcolm Lipkin, 54; Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, 94; the Duke of Montrose, 79; Mr John Neville, 61; Mr R.T. O'Connell, 60; Mr Satyajit Ray, 65; Sir Ronald Sinclair, 83; Dame Nancy Snagge, 80; Dr Benjamin Spock, 83; Sir Frederick A. Warner, 68; Mr Jimmy White, 24; Lord Justice Woolf, 53.

Receptions

International Council of Women
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present at a reception held at St James's Palace yesterday for representatives of the International Council of Women.

Two Cities Dining Club

Mr Petering's Reception
The dining club of the Sunday Telegraph, accompanied by Mrs Worthington, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by the Two Cities Dining Club at the Grand Hotel last night.

Appointments

Jim Gardner, aged 54, until recently chief executive of Tyne and Wear County Council, to be chairman of the Prince's Trust from August 1 in succession to Dr D.L. Russell-Jones and Miss S.P. Beggs.

Luncheon

Butchers' Company
The High Commissioner for New Zealand was among the speakers at a luncheon held at Butchers' Hall yesterday.

Service dinners

Quartermaster General
General Sir Richard Trant presided at a dinner held at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot, last night to mark the 30th anniversary of the appointment of the Quartermaster General.

Marriages

Mr S.J. Marsh-Smith and Miss J. Reid
A service of blessing was held yesterday at the home of the bride after the marriage of Mr Stephen Marsh-Smith, only son of Mr and Mrs David Marsh-Smith, of Anglesey, and Miss Jennifer Reid, second daughter of Mr Alexander and Lady Reid, of Hertfordshire.

Judges retire

Judge Granville Wingate, QC, and Judge Streeter have retired to their country benches on the South-Eastern circuit.

University news

Oxford
The Rev. M. Nelson, Vicar of St Mary's, Oxford, has been elected to the office of Dean of the University of Oxford.

OBITUARY ROBERT STEVENSON Director of 'Mary Poppins'

Mr Robert Stevenson, the British-born director of such Hollywood hits as 'Mary Poppins' and other popular family films, died in California on April 30 at the age of 81.



He was an unpretentious craftsman who worked with equal proficiency on a variety of subjects and relied on the virtues of well constructed stories and strong narratives. He always said his main object as a film maker was a happy audience and his popular touch was confirmed in a survey by the trade paper 'Variety' in 1977, which put him among the cinema's most commercially successful directors.

Born in London in 1905, and educated at Cambridge University, he started his working life as a journalist before entering films as a scriptwriter at Gainsborough. He made his first film as a director in 1932 and among his early pictures were 'Tudor Rose', a biography of Lady Jane Grey, and 'King Solomon's Mines', with Paul Robeson.

In 1939 he went to Hollywood, where one of his first films was, ironically, a British subject, 'The Absent-Minded Professor'. In 1944 he made a powerfully atmospheric version of 'Jane Eyre' with Joan Fontaine in the title role and Orson Welles as Mr Rochester. The film's baroque style owed much to Welles's influence.

Among his nearly twenty other films for Disney, all of them aimed fair and square at the family audience, were 'Old Yeller', 'The Absent-Minded Professor', 'The Love Bug', 'Bedknobs and Broomsticks' and 'One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing'. He retired from the cinema in 1977.

RIGHT REV JOHN BAKER

The Right Rev John Gilbert Hindley Baker, who died on April 29 at the age of 75, became the first bishop to ordain an English woman to the priesthood.

As Bishop of Hong Kong and Macao from 1966 to 1981, he ordained Miss Joyce Bennett of the Church Missionary Society and Chinese-born Miss Jane Hwang Hsien Yuen in 1971.

SIR MICHAEL CRESWELL

Sir Michael Creswell, KCMG, who died on April 25, aged 76, had a varied career in the diplomatic service, and was a former Ambassador to Argentina.

He was Ambassador at Helsinki, 1954-58, Senior Civilian Instructor at the Imperial Defence College, 1958-60, Ambassador at Belgrade, 1960-64, and, finally, at Buenos Aires from 1964 to 1969.

MR FRED KORMIS

Mr Fred Kormis, the sculptor and portrait medallist, has died at the age of 91.

Born of Czech parents in Frankfurt, from 1915 to 1920 he was a prisoner of war in Siberia. On his release, he returned to Frankfurt where he worked until 1933. He then went to the Netherlands where he held exhibitions of his work in Amsterdam and The Hague.

MRS JEANNIE HOSKINS

Mrs Jeannie Hoskins, who, through her agency, Celebrity Service, became an informative part of the London social scene, has died after a long illness. She was 77.

She always attributed the original idea for Celebrity Service to her friend, the singer and show business personality Bebe Daniels.

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ADRIAN-SMITH - On 27th April 1986, at King's College Hospital, London, to Christine and Brian, a son, Edward Christopher.

DEATHS
ARNOLD - On April 30 1986 peacefully at her home Hazel Cottage Park, Luton, aged 90 years.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE
ADAMS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of CLIFFORD ADAMS will be held at St Margaret's Church, London, on May 12 at 12 noon.

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THE ARTS

Council charges for bomb search

Television Sinister strategy

Deception being the everyday lubricant of the secret agent's life, he should always bear in mind the possibility of his own mission being a strategic sham.

The first episode of King of the Ghetto (BBC2) also did its best to conjure a mood of devious menace - this time, in the fetid portents of Brick Lane, London E1, where the leader of the local squatteria (Tim Roth) found himself falling for schoolteacher Gwyneth Strong and sifting into opposition with Zia Mahyeddin's bent travel agent and Ian Dury's frankly unbelievable pool-hall manager.

Martin Cropper

Cinema

Brave foray into British fantasy

Shadey (15) Screen-on-the-Hill

Zina (15) Gate Notting Hill; Metro

The Jewel of the Nile (PG) Leicester Square Theatre

The Legend of Billie Jean (15) Cannon Piccadilly; Film Centre Charing Cross Road

Flesh and Blood (18) Cannons Piccadilly, Haymarket, Charing Cross Road

The first film scripted by the dramatist Snoo Wilson, Shadey is styled by its makers "a surrealist black comedy", and as such is a brave, rare attempt to introduce fantasy to the British screen.

children appear to be thrust in simply for effect and with little regard to their relevance.

It is written with a kindly eye to the actors, and in particular provides Sher with a show-off role for his first cinema appearance. Sometimes indeed the show-off gets the upper hand, as in a Buster Keaton parody at a party and the arch drag sequence at the end of the film.

The true story is more engaging than the film Zina, which Ken McMullen, with his co-scripter Terry Jones, has wrested from it. Zina exemplifies the danger of being too theoretical, of imposing style rather than letting style develop organically from the subject.



A show-off role for the mercurial Anthony Sher in his first film, Shadey

performances by Domiziana Giordano as Zina and Philip Madoc as a faintly pompous Trotsky.

The Jewel of the Nile is a heavy-handed sequel to Romancing the Stone. The new director, Lewis Teague, lacks the deftness of Robert Zemeckis; and the earlier film clearly owed much of its wit and whimsy also to the writer Diane Thomas, who subsequently died in a car accident.

Michael Douglas (adventurer), Kathleen Turner (romantic novelist) and Danny DeVito (mini-sized comedy villain) this time find themselves in North Africa, committed to effecting the downfall of a fanatical dictator and usurper.

The script of The Jewel of the Nile is by Mark Rosenthal and Lawrence Konner, who also wrote The Legend of Billie Jean, a tale at least as unlikely. It is a juvenile Bonnie and Clyde, with elements of Sugarland

Theatre

Comic absurdity

The Winter's Tale Stratford

The cover of the RSC programme presents a grim-faced Jeremy Irons wearing a crown from a Christmas cracker. As this is a Terry Hands production it would be misleading to say that this sets the tone for a show that revels in tonal contrast, but it is certainly an accurate lead to the first act.

Accordingly, the Sicilian court shrinks it to a nursery, and Mr Irons, with icy gnawing his lip even before the onset of suspicion, offers a Leontes from whom every real trait has been studiously drained. Simultaneously febrile and furtive, he treats his court as a pack of slaves to be pushed about and screamed at if they put up the least resistance to his will.

The obvious advantage of this is that it acknowledges Shakespeare's way of telling the story. What happens happens; and on psychological digging is going to disclose any buried motives. If, however, the performance is meant to cast any light on the nature of tyranny (the programme also includes portraits of Amin and others) it fails, as the prevailing effect is one of comic absurdity as when Mr Irons puts a blanket over his head to escape the accusations of Gillian Barge's Paulina, or where she thrusts his progeny into his arms and he is left, gnashing his teeth.

Apart from Miss Barge, who comes over as a no-nonsense mother who has been played up once too often, no other characters emit any independent spark of life. Even Penny Downie's Hermione amounts to no more than a radiantly anonymous pattern of virtue; reduced, by the production scheme, to another inert victim from the toy-box.

Designed by Gerard Howland and Alexander Reid, the show is extremely beautiful. Sicilia, first glimpsed through a gauze tent, consists of an austere furnished space with, behind it, a semi-transparent mirror which at once throws back liquid reflections of white-costumed figures and the image of a giant crystal turning to the implacable passage of time.

The hero of Part II is undoubtedly Joe Melia's Autolycus: one great clown played by another, and supported by a splendidly full-blooded score from Nigel Hess which helps Melia to close the comic time-gap both in his solo numbers and in converting the ballad scene into a company tango.

Irving Wardle

David Robinson

Opera Images unsubtly presented

The Marriage of Figaro Theatre Royal, Glasgow

This last new production of the season does nothing to raise the present dismal fortunes of Scottish Opera. The orchestral playing under György Fischer is coarse, lifeless and accident-prone; the singing is alarmingly patchy; and John Cox's direction is stiff where it concerns the principal characters, clownish in its treatment of the subsidiary cast.

As readers of the interview with him on this page on Wednesday will be aware, he squares up to the opera by way of its final act, and it is a nice conceit that the stage picture should gradually open to the outdoors. The first act is in a windowless room; the second has just a balcony at the side (this is Cherubino's route of escape). Only in the third do we begin to see the green shade of nature, which, in a pretty untamed state, is the setting for the fourth.

The trouble is that this scheme has little to do with the opera, whose resolution is not gradual but sudden. Moreover, in order to avoid the threat of claustrophobia in the first two acts, John Byrne's sets are obliged to include some puzzling architectural features, quite apart from the Jugendstil open-work panels, that look odd in interiors that are otherwise faithful to the eighteenth century.

The other trouble is that Mr Cox's general plan is not matched by any subtlety in the presentation and handling of the characters. The experience is rather like that of flicking through an album of photographs of Mozart productions 30 or 40 years old: there are the same decorous smiles, the knowing gestures, the plain ranks of front-faced soloists doggedly going through ensembles.

Much therefore rests on the singing, and only three members of the cast are equal to the enormous burden they have to carry: Diana Montague as Cherubino, Jonathan Summers as the Count and Rosa Mannion however briefly as a delicious Barbarina.

Miss Montague is a great pleasure: one might imagine that the ability to sing Mozart was a lost art were it not for her, and she portrays the amorous, sensual youth with great sensitivity and neatness of observation. Mr Summers also cuts a sensual figure, in the way he stands and moves (he is helped by the production's most striking costumes) and in the dark strength of his singing, artfully worked around a husk below. Roderick Earle's Figaro is also dark-toned, but too much spoken, and Isobel Buchanan's Susanna gives cause for concern in the lack of vocal control.

Paul Griffiths

Concerts

Hallé/Skrowaczewski Festival Hall

We must be getting spoilt. A few years ago the combination of Mozart's and Mahler's most imposing symphonies in one programme would probably have packed the Festival Hall, whereas it was not much more than half full for this visit by the Hallé Orchestra.

But here was an absolutely magnificent performance of Mahler's Sixth Symphony, one which did justice to a great work and which also showed a thing or two to some London orchestras.

Stanislaw Skrowaczewski is evidently one of those conductors with an uncanny gift for tempo. One of the symphony's interpretative problems is finding exactly the right pace for the first movement's pounding march-rhythms, yet the opening bars here unerringly launched the work's massive structure. A brisk tempo for the Scherzo necessitated some sharp gear-changes but brought out the music's underlying tone of brutality to startling effect.

Skrowaczewski's wonderful structural sense was no less apparent in the Adagio, its poignant beauty captured in a shimmering blend of wind and strings. The Finale's gigantic trajectory came across with fearless lucidity, the conductor skilfully dove-tailing the slow, brooding material of the Introduction into the tumultuous main Allegro.

At all points the orchestra provided an object-lesson in Malher-playing. The brass were powerful but never crude; the strings delivered Mahler's torrential semiquaver passagework with remarkable accuracy; in the Adagio, the woodwind shone as required. Earlier, Skrowaczewski had chosen to set Mozart's "Dance" Symphony in a cool climate (Scandinavia rather than Bohemia, I think) - not inappropriately, given the upheavals to come.

Malcolm Hayes

Concerts

LPO/Eschenbach Festival Hall

Something of the impatience and cynicism so characteristic of our own decade seemed to tinge Dvorák's Ninth Symphony on Tuesday in its performance by the London Philharmonic and Christoph Eschenbach.

The sort of high adrenalin, whiplash treatment which could be justified, on one level at least, in Dvorák's Carnival Overture was meted out relentlessly in the symphony. Eschenbach's baton has a way of fashioning a deceptive skin of elegance and excitement by pointing up the subdivisions of a phrase, driving every accent and honing brass and woodwind to knife-point.

It creates, though, a performing tension which has little to do with the music's internal, organic tensions, and is in Dvorák's case counter-productive to its spirit. The refusal to grant the flute a second's grace before the entry of the first movement's second subject merely reduced excitement to a sense of carping haste; and the attenuated phrasing of the Largo, merely effete without the support of any underlying momentum, was poor compensation for the sour cor anglais solo.

Some consolation was to be drawn from the memory of Julius Frantz's performance of Dvorák's Piano Concerto before the interval. Paucity of matter and over-elaboration of manner has, it is true, pushed the work to the edges of the repertoire. And, although Frantz had skilfully tailored Dvorák's occasionally unplayable version to his own fingertips, it is easy to see why it stays there.

Orchestra and piano seem too often either to be searching for a *raison d'être* or to be transmitting their indecisiveness into rhetorical gesture to woo the applause which they were so readily granted. Appreciation was well deserved, though, for its gently meditative Andante, and for the conviction and enjoyment brought to its garrulous finale by Frantz himself.

Hilary Finch

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New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares extended Wednesday's losses at the start of trading yesterday, moving lower on sheer momentum, traders said.

Shares ignored a modest early rise in credit markets and the dollar, which might have been viewed as bullish. Carryover selling and weaker technical factors took precedence.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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The pound lost ground against a firm dollar yesterday, coming back to 1.5287 against 1.5500 at Wednesday's close.

Table titled 'OTHER STERLING RATES' showing rates for currencies such as the Argentine Dollar, Australian Dollar, and others.

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TEMPUS

Good figures at Minet fail to lift PCW gloom

Old Minet Holdings. It produced 1985 pretax profits 28.7 per cent higher at £30 million and is believed to be on course for a leap of similar magnitude to £58 million profits this year.

Yet, as Minet was keen to point out, its compound taxable profits growth rate over the past six years has been 24 per cent compared with Willis's 23 per cent and its earnings growth has been 23 per cent compared with Willis's 26 per cent.

However, with Lloyd's now pursuing a market solution, Minet is expected to be asked to put its hand in its pocket for perhaps £20 million or more.

TPS

Technology Project Services (TPS) is an employment agency specialising in the supply of engineering staff on a contract basis.

whom are available for work and its list of client companies which may need staff from time to time to work on specific projects.

The business began in 1970 as a British subsidiary of C&D Inc, which is now owned by the US Greyhound company.

Richard Avery, a senior manager of C&D, spotted the potential and has built up the business from scratch.

The placing price of 140p values the whole company at £5.7 million. After the placing, Mr Avery will be the main shareholder, with just under 30 per cent.

The prospectus does not contain a profits forecast, but earnings per share to December 31, 1985 of 7.9p, the shares will be issued on a multiple of 17.

The proceeds of the issue will amount to £2.76 million. Of this, Mr Avery will receive £1.4 million for the shares he is selling, amounting to just over 20 per cent of the company.

Most of the rest will redeem the preference shares

Wellcome

Wellcome's interim results - the first since it joined the stock market in February - may not have satisfied the punters who chased the shares as high as 238p in initial trading.

Reported profits were down from £71 million to £64.2 million before tax, but that fall was due to exchange rate movements.

Government stocks slipped by half a point. Other sectors dipped and rallied behind the leaders, but still ended with falls in the majority.

Prudential lost 28p to 864p on the £357 million cash-call, but there was some relief that the issue did not need to be underwritten due to the substantial discount.

Rally fails to stop indexes closing 20 points lower

The stock market's confidence was severely tested yesterday after a record fall on Wall Street and confirmation of a massive rights issue from the mighty Prudential.

During mid-session, prices tended to ease back again and by the close the FT 30-share index was down 20.9 points at 1,374.0.

Other life companies like Legal & General gave up 10p to 757p in sympathy.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Compagnie Generale de Chauffe. Housebuilders were supported by a favourable press article.

Wellcome hardened a penny to 198p after interim profits which were £4 million above expectations.

Recent contracts continued to excite Continental Microwave at 275p, up 35p, but Frederick Cooper dipped 10p in 110p on the acquisition.

Good profits boosted MMT Computing by 20p to 245p and Tricent by 40p to 100p on the profits recovery.

Recent good results help Roper Holdings "A" to a 3p rise at 139p.

RECENT ISSUES

Table of recent issues with columns for company name, price, and other financial details.

Issues success

Three issues of shares on the stock market were oversubscribed yesterday.

Applications were still being counted last night by Tip Top Depositors, brought to market by Kleinwort Benson.

That implies that £200 million was chasing only £5 million of shares.

Larger stake

IEP Securities, a company controlled by Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman, has increased its stake in Ultramar, the oil company, from 6.5 per cent to 7.4 per cent.

Co-op Bank increases profits by £700,000

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Co-operative Bank, the banking arm of the Co-operative retail movement, yesterday reported a pretax profit of £2.9 million for the year to January 11.

Mr Peter Paxton, who is retiring as chairman, said that increased profitability was mainly due to a strong performance in domestic banking.

New managing director at Tricentrol

Mr Roger Smith, at present deputy chairman of Tricentrol has been named managing director, a post previously held by the chairman, Mr James Longcroft.

Mr Longcroft, who lives in tax exile in Geneva, will remain executive chairman, Mr Smith will still therefore be reporting to Geneva, and in practice the change is unlikely to make much difference in practice to the running of the company.

Mr Smith joined the company when his group of family businesses, including Lea Heating Merchants and Simpson Gardeo Supplies, was taken over by Tricentrol.

COMPANY NEWS

DAKS SIMPSON GROUP: Half-year in Jan. 31, 1986. Interim dividend 1.75p (1.5p, payable June 21). Turnover £23.91 million (£19.48 million).

BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST: Year to March 31, 1986. Total dividend 15.2p (14.2p). Total revenue £14.7 million (£14.3 million). Earnings per share 14.6p (£11.21p).

WHITTINGTON ENGINEERING: The company is reporting for the 10 months to Jan. 31, 1986, compared with £2.2 million (£2.5 million) turnover (£2.9 million (£1.1 million)). Profit before tax £290,000 (£100,000). Earnings per share, after tax, 10.63p (4.9p) and 8.2p (8.7p) before tax.

WELLS INVESTMENT TRUST: Half-year to March 31, 1986. Net assets value per share, excluding the interim dividend, 65.9p (66.1p). Profit before tax £362,000 (£277,000). Earnings per share 11.3p (£11.3p).

HEALTH CARE: Half-year to Feb. 1, 1986. Turnover £2.32 million (£1.7 million). Pretax profit £488,000 (£378,000). Earnings per share 3.9p (£3.4p).

ECOBIC HOLDINGS: Year to Jan. 31, 1986. Dividend 0.25p (nil). Turnover £2.25 million (£4.85 million). Pretax profit £163,000 (£168,000). Earnings per share, basic, 1.2p (1.7p) and fully diluted, 1.1p (£1.2p).

CLARKE, NICHOLES AND COOMBS: Total dividend for 1985 amounted to 6p. Turnover £2.31 million (£1.5 million). Profit before tax £1.2 million (£1.2 million). Earnings per share 3.2p (£3.2p). The figures for 1984 have been restated following a change in accounting practices.

KEYSTONE INVESTMENT CO: Interim dividend 3p (same) for the full year to March 31, 1986. Proposed one-for-one scrip issue, gross income £126,340 (£129,741). Pretax revenue £143,121 (£136,054). Earnings per share 3.9p (£3.1p).

BREAKMATE: Turnover £12.04 million (£19.09 million) for 1985. Profit before tax £173,000 (£481,000). Earnings per share 11.5p (£9.9p). Scrip issue to pay for the ordinary shares of 22p per share has been accepted and completed.

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WELLCOME PLC INTERIM RESULTS 1986

Underlying growth masked by currency moves

Review by the Chairman, Mr A J Sheppard. This is the first report to be issued to shareholders following the recent issue of our shares to the public in February. I would like to take the opportunity therefore of welcoming our new shareholders.

It has previously been indicated that exchange rate movements have a major effect on our results due to the large proportion of profits earned outside the U.K., particularly in North America. Exchange rates in the first half of this year changed considerably compared with the rates for the first half of last year.

The results for the first half of 1986 were restated at the average exchange rates for the first half of 1986, turnover would have been £429.4m. On this basis turnover of £497.6m for the first half of 1986 represents an increase of 16% and this is due to increases in most markets.

Table of Interim Results for 1986 (restated) and 1985 (actual) showing Turnover, Profit before tax, Tax, Profit after tax, Minority interests, Profit attributable to shareholders, and Earnings per share.

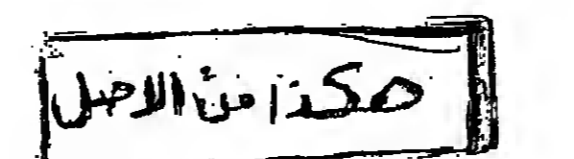
U.K. domestic market shows an increase of only 4% due to dollar trading conditions. The exchange rate movements have had a similar adverse effect upon exports from the U.K.

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation, similarly adjusted for exchange rate movements, would have been £31.0m for 1985. On this basis £47.2m for the first half of 1986 represents an increase of 20%. This primarily reflects the effect of the increased level of turnover.

Trading conditions in the world animal health market have remained difficult. The Cooper's Group is now established in most countries. Its management is applying itself with great energy to the problems and it is recognised that the task ahead is not easy for them.

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Holmes à Court reinstates bid for Broken Hill

By Richard Lander

The pursuit of the Australian oil, mining and industrial company Broken Hill Proprietary has moved a stage forward with Mr Holmes à Court reinstating his fourth bid for the company and BHP rejecting it as inadequate and malicious.



Holmes à Court may have to raise offer

Mr Holmes à Court's Bell Resources group has reinstated the partial bid, which was withdrawn last month, at the same level of Aus\$7.70 per BHP share, including BHP's 20 cent final dividend, or Aus\$7.50 for shares that have gone ex-dividend.

BHP is offering to take half of each shareholding, but it wants to buy only between 18.4 and 20.7 per cent of BHP's issued capital to add to the 18.5 per cent stake it owns.

The offer price is barely above BHP's Aus\$7.36 market price and Australian share brokers say Mr Holmes à Court would have to raise the bid to perhaps Aus\$8 to stand a chance of success.

Mr Holmes à Court indicated he could return at a higher price when he withdrew the offer 10 days ago, while Bell Resources has just made right issue which raised about Aus\$630 million (£304 million).

In a statement to shareholders, the BHP chairman, Sir James Balderstone, criticized the offer and gave a warning that it was designed to ensure

shareholders stakes. He said: "There are escape provisions which may well enable Bell in the end to walk away without taking shares for which acceptances are lodged and paying for them."

The long-running saga of Mr Holmes à Court's chase of BHP, which started almost three years ago, is further complicated by the presence of two other groups whose intentions towards BHP are not yet fully clear.

Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL brewing and agriculture conglomerate, which at present has a bid for Allied-Lyons under review by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, swooped earlier this month to pick up a 19 per cent stake in BHP, while the Adelaide Steamship group owns between 4 to 5 per cent.

£12m tag on Dalepak flotation

By Clare Doble

Dalepak Foods, a Yorkshire-based producer of gristlesteaks, is joining the stock market this month with a price tag of £12.9 million. It was started 10 years ago with capital of £75,000.

The three founders are selling some of their shares as part of the offer-for-sale. The chairman, Mr Jonathan Roper, is realising £740,000, and two colleagues are raising £300,000 between them. After the offer-for-sale the directors and their families will own 56 per cent of the company's shares.

Since 1976 Dalepak has grown quickly and now accounts for 31 per cent of the market for frozen meat products. It supplies most of the larger supermarket chains, including J Sainsbury.

In the year to April 30, the company doubled production capacity at its main factory to 300 tonnes a week and it has plans to expand further in the ready meals market after the recent launch of its Budget Gourmets range.

Profits have increased from £77,000 before tax in the year to April 30, 1981 to an estimated £390,000 in the year just ended.

As part of the offer-for-sale Dalepak is raising £2.2 million after expenses of £600,000. This new money will reduce the gearing ratio from 120 per cent to 20 per cent.

In total 4.7 million shares are on offer at 107p each.

Concern grows as America allows dollar's free-fall

By David Smith, Economics Editor

The dollar's slide has been a fact of life for most of the past 12 months. Since the September 22 meeting of the Group of Five at the Plaza Hotel in New York, the dollar has been pushed ever lower, with little concern about the pace of its fall.

Now, such concern is emerging. The Japanese were the first to be affected as the yen's rise against the dollar first to an uncomfortable 200 against the dollar, then to a painful 180, and finally to an unbearable 166, bit vulnerable sections of industry.

This week, for the first time since the Plaza accord, the Germans, too, appear to have decided that enough is enough. The first Bundesbank intervention in support of the tumbling dollar appeared on Monday.

Yesterday, Herr Karl Otto Pohl, the Bundesbank president, said that the dollar's fall had gone far enough, and that a period of consolidation was now required.

The one thing that has been missing, so far at least, is any indication from the US Administration that something should be done to call a halt to the dollar's fall.

On Wednesday, Mr James

Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, said that the dollar's fall had been orderly and emphasized that the Administration had no target for the dollar. He also said that a further reduction in interest rates would be appropriate, hardly the thing for a finance minister concerned about his currency's value to volunteer.

The big difficulty about the dollar at present is that the effects of its fall are taking time to come through. This is the J-curve effect.

In the case of the US, the initial effect of the dollar's weakening is to produce a deterioration in the trade balance.

Figures released on Wednesday showed a \$14.52 billion trade deficit in March, against \$11.37 billion in February, mainly because of a rise in the import bill because of the lower dollar.

Japan and Germany, meanwhile, are running large trade surpluses. Japan's 1985/86 trade surplus, of \$61.64 billion, comfortably surpassed the previous record.

Germany, according to the forecast from the five leading research institutes in the Federal Republic, published this week, will run a trade surplus of DM100 billion (£29.9 billion) this year, easily the highest ever.

Just as the United States is experiencing the J-curve, where the initial effect of a currency decline boosts the cost of imports and only works through later to an increase in the volume of exports, so Japan and Germany are experiencing the inverted J-curve.

There is thus a danger of a self-feeding situation developing, whereby every fall in the dollar leads to an apparent deterioration in America's trading position, the response to which is a policy of trying to push the dollar down further.

The J-curve, and the inverse of it, appear to be fully recognized in Germany and Japan. But the US Administration looks to be quite happy to ignore it and to preside gleefully over the dollar's slide.

The foreign exchange markets have a natural tendency to overshoot — to push a currency beyond its equilibrium level and then to pull it back.

In the new era of semi-managed exchange rates, there is an opportunity to prevent this from happening. But it is clearly not possible without the full support of the United States.

Key executives to leave Distillers

Six Distillers directors are resigning following the £2.7 billion takeover by Guinness. They include Mr Bill Forrest, aged 59, and Mr David Kerr, aged 60, both key executives. Mr Kerr was responsible for marketing Scotch overseas and Mr Forrest handled strategic planning.

Lord Maclean, aged 69, a non-executive director for eight years, is also leaving. The others are Mr Cary Younghusband, aged 62, managing director of James Buchanan; Mr John Holbeck, aged 64, chairman of the white spirits division; and Mr Peger Whitley, aged 62, who was responsible for marketing whiskies in the EEC.

Distillers declined to say whether any of the directors would receive compensation. Four Guinness directors, including the chief executive, Mr Ernest Saunders, have joined the Distillers board.

Record figures

	Estimate for the year ended 29th March, 1986	Increase over previous year
Group profit before tax	£21.6m	+19.3%
Earnings per share	45.4p	+35.1%
Dividends per share	20.0p	+37.9%

Our spending on modernisation of plant and the re-positioning of our businesses to take advantage of market opportunities have begun to pay off in increasing returns for our shareholders.

— Peter Matthews
Chairman

Pegler-Hattersley plc

COMPANY NEWS

- BELLWAY:** Interim dividend 3p (same) for the half-year to Jan. 31, 1986. Turnover £26.85 million (£19.82 million). Profit before tax £1.32 million (£680,000). Earnings per share 4.7p (2.4p). The board reports that with turnover running at record levels the outlook is encouraging.
- F J C LILLEY:** Year to Jan. 31, 1986. Total dividend 3.82p (3.64p). Turnover £357.4 million (£301.29 million). Pretax profit £9.53 million (£7.49 million). Earnings per share 7.73p (7.49p).
- DELTA GROUP:** Mr G H Wilson, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the group had acquired Investment Engineering for about £1.1 million. Based in Nottinghamshire, Investment Engineering produces tools for investment castings and plastic mouldings. Mr Wilson went on to say that the current year had started well for Delta.
- ABERDEEN CONSTRUCTION:** Total dividend for 1985 8p (7.25p). Turnover £100 million (£94.15 million). Pretax profit £4.63 million (£4.85 million). Tax credit £616,000 (debit £2.1 million). Extraordinary credit £203,000 (nil).
- CYANAMID HOLDINGS:** The company is to offer for subscription £30 million, 9 per cent notes, due 1991, in the international capital markets. The notes will be guaranteed by American Cyanamid and the issue price will be 100 per cent.
- M M T CAPITAL:** Interim dividend 1.8p (1.2p), payable on July 9. Turnover for the half-year to Feb. 28, 1986, £874,000 (£712,000). Pretax profit £264,000 (£203,000). Earnings per share 7.5p (5.5p).
- THE CIRCLIE INDUSTRIES:** Sandtex is to be sold to AKZO, following a detailed review of Sandtex's future within the framework of BCL. Sandtex reported gross sales of about £20 million for 1985.
- TRIEFUS:** Dividend 0.05p (same) for 1985, payable June 16. Turnover £22.5 million (£21.97 million). Pretax profit £793,000 (loss £214,000). Earnings per share 1.39p (loss 11.7p). Extraordinary items (net of tax): profit on sale of surplus properties £618,000 (£221,000); provision for rationalization and reorganization £600,000 (nil).
- GLANFIELD LAWRENCE:** Clients of Anderson and Co have purchased from Gregory Securities 3.5 million shares (66.12 per cent) at 70½p each. An unconditional offer at 70½p will be made to the remaining holders. Anderson and Co is satisfied that funds are available. It is the intention of the new board to maintain the quote.
- TONGAAT-HULETT:** Year to March 31, 1986. Turnover R1,850 million (£580 million), against R1,803.6 million (£580 million). Pretax profit R37.9 million (£72.8 million). Total dividend 12 cents (30 cents). Earnings per share 24.2 cents (60.3 cents).
- FREDERICK COOPER:** The company has entered into a conditional agreement to purchase Henderson Stainless Steel, a private company. The price will be an issue of 598,000 ordinary shares, which have been conditionally placed on behalf of the vendors to realize £598,000. This transaction involves a former director of Cooper and is subject to shareholders' approval.
- RAND MINES:** Half-year to March 31, 1986. Interim dividend 105 cents (85 cents). Pretax profit R156.2 million (£49 million), against R105 million (£39.5 million). Turnover R393.4 million (£297.6 million). Earnings per share 624 cents (456 cents).
- H C SLINGSBY:** Total dividend for 1985 4p (3.6p). Sales £5.75 million (£4.91 million). Pretax profit £296,000 (£264,000). Earnings per share 20.2p (24.7p).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.50%
Adam & Company	10.50%
BCCI	10.50%
Citibank Savings	10.75%
Consolidated Credit	10.50%
Dominion Trust	10.50%
Co-operative Bank	10.50%
C. Hoare & Co	10.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.50%
Lloyds Bank	10.50%
Nat. Westminster	10.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.50%
TSB	10.50%
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† Mortgage Base Rate.

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- Edinburgh:** Castle Suite, Coladonian Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh. **Wednesday 30th April 12 noon**
- Birmingham:** Bruel Suite, Albany Hotel, Smallbrook Queensway, Birmingham. **Thursday 1st May 12 noon**
- London:** Nine Kings Suite, Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W12. (Immediately above Lancaster Gate tube station) **Friday 2nd May 12 noon**

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The diamond market has turned the corner

the strength and resilience of the centralised selling system is underlined.



De Beers Extracts from Julian Ogilvie Thompson's Statement for 1985

1985 marked the turning point in the market for rough diamonds and underlined the strength and resilience of De Beers' centralised selling system. This was particularly gratifying in view of the problems experienced in other commodity stabilisation schemes. World retail sales of diamond jewellery attained yet another record, exceeding the 1984 figure by some three per cent. Geographically, sales were more evenly spread, the increase in the United States being less spectacular, and in the other industrialised countries more pronounced, than in 1984.

Cutting centre stocks down

The CSO continued its policy of only offering for sale those goods for which there was immediate demand. Stocks in the cutting centres have been brought down at last to reasonable operating levels, and manufacturers have been able to trade profitably in meeting the demand generated by the record retail jewellery sales. It follows that after this protracted and difficult period of destocking, the pipeline between the CSO and the ultimate consumer has contracted to the point where CSO sales should once again be more directly related to retail demand. Looking further ahead, the prospect is that the recent sharp fall in the oil price should bring about lower inflation and higher growth in the industrialised countries, and hence higher sales of diamond jewellery.

Sales trend continues

Certainly the past year has seen a progressive broadening of demand for rough into sizes and qualities that have not been offered by the CSO in recent years, with the result that CSO sales in the second half of the year were the highest since 1980. These trends have continued into the current year with demand for rough gem continuing at a high level during the first three sights and on 8th April the CSO announced an overall increase of 7.5 per cent in the price of rough gem diamonds with effect from the fourth sight in May.

Net current assets improved by R204 million, while long and medium-term borrowings and preference shares in issue by subsidiaries together fell by R12 million, giving an overall improvement in funding of R216 million. Had the conversion rate used in 1985 applied in 1984 as well, the improvement would have amounted to R532 million. Our borrowings are low in relation both to our overall facilities and to our total assets.

The value of investments and long-term loans outside the diamond industry increased by R2,193 million to R5,880 million, or 1.634 cents per share, and yielded income of R215 million compared with R183 million the previous year.

Industrial Division

Our Industrial Division had another satisfactory year, with profits in Dollar terms being marginally ahead of the 1984 figure though total sales fell just short of it. Carat turnover in natural diamond increased, but the reduction in sales value - caused largely by the slump in exploration drilling for minerals and oil - and the lower synthetic grit sales were not quite offset by noticeably improved sales of the newer polycrystalline diamond and other hard abrasive products.

New and improved techniques developed at the Diamond Research Laboratory were successfully introduced at the three synthetic manufacturing plants and resulted in a further reduction in direct costs, notwithstanding higher quality specifications. Continuing research and development have enabled us to

offer a more comprehensive range of diamond and cubic boron nitride composites than any other manufacturer, and several interesting opportunities lie ahead. Research into new uses for natural diamond grit has been especially active in the light of the increased quantities that will be available now that the Argyle mine, a major producer of boart and drilling stones, is coming into full production.

Production from the De Beers mines and Debswana, in which De Beers has an equal partnership with the Government of Botswana, fell slightly by 85,000 carats to 23,251,000 carats.

The report of a commission, appointed in 1982 to inquire into alleged irregularities and misapplication of property in representative authorities and the central authority of South West Africa/Namibia, known as the Thirion Commission, was published on 7th March 1986, by the Transitional Government of National Unity in Windhoek. Among the Commissioner's findings CDM, without having given evidence or been called upon to do so, is said to have breached the provisions of its mining title, namely the Halbscheid Agreement, which requires that mining should be carried on "satisfactorily to the Administration and not with a view to

exhausting the superficial and more valuable deposits to the detriment of the low grade deposits". At no stage has there been any suggestion from the Administration that CDM was not carrying on mining satisfactorily and CDM is confident that it has not breached any of its obligations and that its mining practices have not been detrimental to the State. On the contrary, by the introduction of innovative and cost-effective techniques CDM has rendered hitherto unpayable ground payable, and thus progressively extended the life of the mine. On current projections, only about two per cent of the estimated original carat inventory of the mining area will be left behind at the end of the life of the mine. Of this, about half is in ground which is inaccessible using current mining techniques. In the meantime, prospecting continues in the hope of identifying new reserves. Naturally, within the limits of production technology, CDM has always followed a policy of responding to market conditions, so that when demand is high more diamonds are produced and when the market is in recession, as it has been over the last five years, the rate of production is lowered. Indeed, since 1981, a number of production facilities at CDM have remained

temporarily closed without affecting CDM's share of sales. These facts are hardly compatible with a policy of excessive depletion of CDM's reserves. As in the past, CDM fully intends to continue operating within its rights and obligations, in consultation with the authorities and in accordance with the law.

Unified wage structure

Industrial relations on our various operations have been satisfactory, due in part at least to the Company's long-standing adherence to a unified wage structure and continuing implementation of merit-based manning policies, supported by extensive training and development programmes for employees at all levels. The removal of statutory job reservation in the mining industry in South Africa is now a matter of great urgency, and intensive discussions between the industry, the unions and the Government are at last taking place. It is crucial that the outcome should be fair and should provide equal opportunity to all.

Committed to change

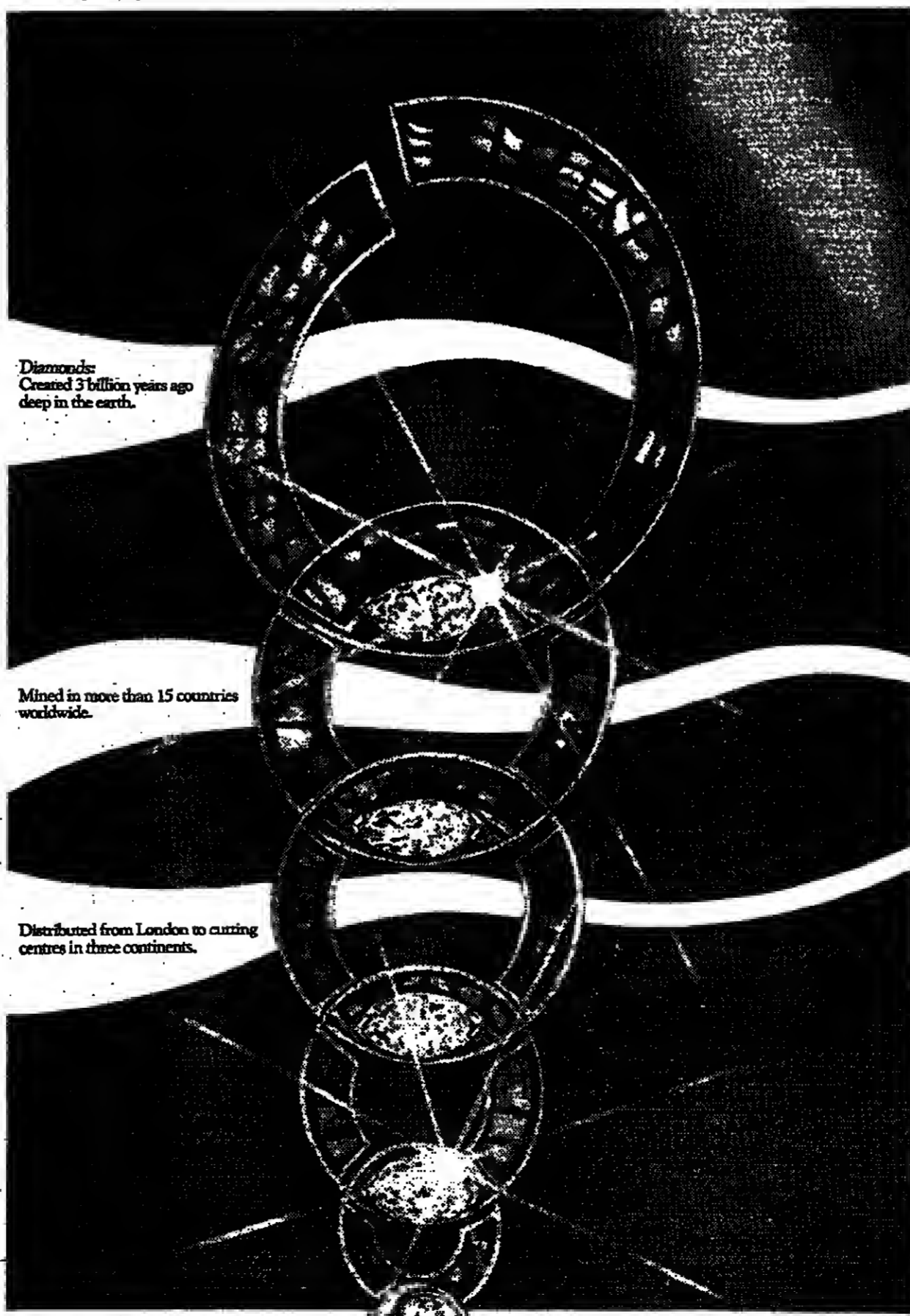
South Africa has been through a particularly difficult year. The need to abolish apartheid in all its forms and create a socio-political dispensation that gives fair and equal opportunity to all is now more widely recognised than ever before. Your Company has long been in the forefront of those committed to such changes and it is encouraging that the Government has announced many substantial reforms. Several have been implemented and the remainder are expected to receive legislative approval during the present session; it is hoped that further initiatives will soon follow. We shall continue to do all we can to accelerate the process of evolutionary change.

Our Deputy Chairman, Mr Nicholas Oppenheimer, has succeeded Sir Philip Oppenheimer as Chairman of the CSO. Sir Philip filled that role with great distinction for 30 years and De Beers and, indeed, the whole diamond industry is deeply indebted to him. Fortunately, we shall still benefit from Sir Philip's experience and wisdom for he will continue to be a member of our board and to play a leading role in certain key aspects of the CSO's activities.

Over the past year I have been able to visit each of our main operating centres and have been impressed everywhere by the loyalty, enthusiasm and devotion of De Beers' employees. Their efforts over this decade in containing costs and yet maintaining productivity have been of great importance in helping us to come through a period that has been the most difficult in De Beers' history since the 1930s. The board and I are extremely grateful to all our people for these achievements.

The full Chairman's Statement is contained in the Annual Report of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1985 which was posted to registered Shareholders on 1st May 1986.

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Diamonds: Created 3 billion years ago deep in the earth.

Mined in more than 15 countries worldwide.

Distributed from London to cutting centres in three continents.

Earrings: Designed and crafted by Shimizu in Japan.

This earring, with marquise and round shaped diamonds set in mother of pearl was one of 30 successful entries from 1428 designs submitted from 33 countries for the Diamonds-International Awards presented in Milan in March. These awards have been organised by De Beers for over 30 years to help improve the quality and standard of jewellery design.

De Beers

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Fersina franchise advertisement. Text: 'A Fersina franchise is your opportunity to... Turn over £3-5m... Achieve 10-20% net profit before tax... Experience capital return in first trade year...' Includes Fersina logo and contact information.

POWYS MID WALES advertisement. Text: 'Staged list of the A44, mid the rolling hills and forest of Welsh Border Country... Experienced well established mobile wholesale distributor...' Includes contact details.

EXPERIENCED WELL ESTABLISHED MOBILE WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR advertisement. Text: 'For greetings cards, small fancy goods in Central Midlands... All replies treated in strict confidence.' Includes contact information.

CAN YOU HELP? advertisement. Text: 'I am looking for good quality inexpensive UK made ladies acrylic cardigans, ladies jeans in cotton & nylon...' Includes contact details.

IT WORKS FOR ME! advertisement. Text: 'A business I can run easily from home, with unlimited potential, an exclusive area, regular repeat orders...' Includes contact information.

NEW MEASURING DEVICE D.M.C. - 100 advertisement. Text: 'Distributors and sales agents are wanted... D.M.C. EQUIPMENT LTD 01-629 1100' Includes contact details.

LUXURY SNOOKER CLUB NIGHT CLUB FOR SALE advertisement. Text: '24M LICENCE... 16,000 SQUARE FEET... 1000 FLOORS... IDEALLY SITUATED IN LONDON...' Includes contact information.

USA COMPANIES FOR SALE advertisement. Text: 'Corporate Finance Assoc. Founded 1936 has 65 offices across USA and represents in confidence approx. 300 co's for sale...' Includes contact details.

ASSETS OF ROCKING HORSE advertisement. Text: 'Company for sale with manufacturing facilities and great profit potential...' Includes contact information.

NATIONAL FRANCHISE - WATFORD - FOR SALE advertisement. Text: 'Attractive retail outlet with manufacturing facilities and great profit potential...' Includes contact details.

WINE BAR AND RESTAURANT advertisement. Text: 'South Devon Coastal view. Current T/D £1,500. P.M. Long lease at modest term.' Includes contact information.

FRANCHISE DIRECTORY advertisement. Text: 'If you are looking for a franchise... This directory contains details of over 1,000 franchises...' Includes contact details.

LOANS & INVESTMENT advertisement. Text: 'Mortgages/Re-mortgages... For further details ring 0872 7437/7438...' Includes contact information.

AGENT FOR BUSINESS PROMOTIONAL INCENTIVE GIFTS advertisement. Text: 'Leather goods, electronic, vinyl etc. Wholesaler contacts all business Commission based...' Includes contact details.

EXPORT TO AMERICA advertisement. Text: 'If yours is a medium to large company manufacturing quality goods and you wish to export to America please contact us...' Includes contact information.

FOR SALE advertisement. Text: '6,000 + table tennis bats. Good quality. Bankrupt stock. Best offer secures. 01-850 0420' Includes contact details.

BUSINESS SERVICES advertisement. Text: 'DATA PROTECTION... REGISTRATION - SECURITY TRAINING - AUDITS...' Includes contact information.

FRENCH COMPANY advertisement. Text: 'Window Dressing for all types of businesses... 60 Rue Waldemar Roussin 69006 LYON (FRANCE) 010.33.78.95.81.1' Includes contact details.

DIRECT CAR PHONES UK LTD advertisement. Text: 'Direct dialling service for UK... (0742) 730011' Includes contact information.

LICENSED TRADE advertisement. Text: 'Est. agents throughout UK for newly patented product/service successfully proved... 2300 W. Telephone 0202 78470' Includes contact details.

SURVEILLANCE MONITORING advertisement. Text: 'We offer surveillance monitoring for both the amateur and professional... RUBY ELECTRONICS LTD 716 Lee Bridge Rd London E15 6AW 01-558 4226' Includes contact information.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNISHERS advertisement. Text: 'We stock a wide range of office equipment and furniture... 20 Chancery Lane London WC2A 3PL' Includes contact details.

COMPUTERS & COMPUTING SERVICES advertisement. Text: 'Recruitment Consultants place your contractors through my agency... 0224 69109 today' Includes contact information.

WE DON'T SELL COMPUTERS advertisement. Text: 'We don't sell you computers... (0665) 69530' Includes contact details.

STUDIO AVAILABLE advertisement. Text: 'Just off Pimlico Rd. Up to 650 sq ft. rent from £14 per sq ft... 235 5985' Includes contact information.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY advertisement. Text: 'TEXAS Real Estate for Sale... 2100 W. Telephone 0202 78470' Includes contact details.

FACTORY/WAREHOUSE advertisement. Text: 'FACTORY/WAREHOUSE... 2100 W. Telephone 0202 78470' Includes contact information.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO RENT advertisement. Text: 'SHARE OF CENTRAL London... 2100 W. Telephone 0202 78470' Includes contact details.

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Cathay issue swamped advertisement. Text: 'Hong Kong (Reuter) - A public offering of shares in Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong's leading airline, was more than 55 times oversubscribed...' Includes contact information.

Sales of bitter flat as lager bubbles to 41% of market advertisement. Text: 'Beer sales overall are still in the doldrums but lager is a growing market... Sales of bitter flat as lager bubbles to 41% of market' Includes contact details.

French snap up AHS for £32m advertisement. Text: 'A French energy management service company yesterday took control of Associated Heat Services... French snap up AHS for £32m' Includes contact information.

19% rise in profit claimed by Pegler advertisement. Text: 'Pegler-Hattersley, which is fighting a £187 million bid from FH Tomkins, yesterday estimated its pretax profits in the year to March 29 at £21.6 million, a rise of 19.3 per cent...' Includes contact details.

APPOINTMENTS advertisement. Text: 'Blue Circle Industries: Mr David Poole will become joint managing director... Gardner Mountain: He also becomes managing director of Hogg Robinson... The Institute of Manpower Studies: Mr John Elliott has been appointed director...' Includes contact information.

Tarmac Group advertisement. Text: 'Turnover up to £1.57 billion. Pre tax profits up by 23% to a record £135.2 million. Pre tax earnings per share up from 39.6 pence to 43.5 pence. GROUP CHAIRMAN SIR ERIC POUNTAIN SAID... 'It is very pleasing to me to be able to report another record year for the Group...' Includes charts and contact details.

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From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money staked. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with 5 columns: No., Company, Group, Gains or Losses. Lists various companies like Balfour Beatty, British Airways, etc.

Weekly Dividend table with columns for Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, Total.

BRITISH FUNDS table with columns for Name, Price, Change, %.

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Appeals on rates relief refusal

Norwich City Council v Investors in Industry Commercial Properties Ltd
herediciament... if they consider that the payment would cause hardship to the person liable for those rates...

Assignee of debt can become petitioner

Perak Pioneer Ltd and Another v Petroleum Nasional Bhd
The court had jurisdiction to permit an assignee of a debt, upon which a winding-up was based, to be substituted as petitioner even if the assignment had taken place after the presentation of the petition.

Illegal mushrooms

Regina v Cunliffe (Kenneth John)
A collection of dried psilocybin mushrooms, found in a wooden chest in the appellant's flat, was properly described as a "preparation or other product" containing psilocybin...

Appealing from justices over arrears

Berry v Berry
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Coaches prepare for match of season

Putting friendship in cold storage

Roger Millward and Malcolm Reilly and his wives and families are close friends, and often go out together for a quiet drink and a meal...

Women in search of an identity

Britain's women are progressing in their efforts to get sufficient qualifications to be considered for the Olympics.

Tachikara event cancelled

One of the leading tournaments in Britain has been cancelled because of a big drop in the number of competing teams.

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CRICKET: A WEST INDIAN CLOUD HANGS OVER GLAMORGAN

Depending on Marshall

SOUTHAMPTON: Glamorgan, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 32 runs behind Hampshire.

With never a cloud in sight, and in temperatures warm enough to make watching a pleasure...

three fours in an over and generally playing well. When he was out in Sri Lanka last winter this elder Smith was busy marketing advertising space for Hampshire...

When Steele bowled some flat left-arm slow balls, taking a couple of pacers, drove him to his feet...

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

a nonchalance to disconcert the best of bowlers. It was in this corresponding match a year ago that Thomas, first brought himself to the selectors' notice...

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yesterday Jones, having worked hard to get himself fit in the winter after an operation on his shoulder last season, threw his arm out...

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 201 (G C Thomas 52)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 201 (G C Thomas 52)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-54, 3-196, 4-186, 5-225, 6-273, 7-308, 8-308.

Lamb is a cut above the others

By Ivo Tennant CANTERBURY: Kent (3 pts) are 41 runs ahead of Northamptonshire (6) with eight second innings wickets in hand.

The pitch was still damp and far from suited to free stroke play. But for Lamb's innings, it would have been rather tedious day.

Lamb's innings was a cut above anything else in this match. In his first innings since returning from the West Indies, he timed his drives splendidly.

Whitaker makes Lancashire toil

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire, with nine second innings wickets in hand, lead Leicestershire by 87 runs.

A forceful hundred by Whitaker, who dominated a big stand with Gower, led some entertaining batting by Leicestershire yesterday.

Whitaker, whose normal place is number 10, showed exemplary determination against Patterson and drove with increasing freedom the longer he stayed.

Driving force of Hadlee

By Alan Gibson

THE OVAL: Surrey, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 94 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire.

I slipped a couple of quick pacers past the vigilant Charles, then retreated to a place called the Andrew Sandwith Room, or something like that, where it is possible to watch the cricket and eat at the same time.

However, Birch and Hadlee gradually made them appear so. Both were anxious to attack, as is their natural style, and they had put on more than 100 runs before lunch...

Three men to watch

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

England's intentions of making a spectacular medals haul in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh became amply clear when they dominated the George Wimpey-sponsored ABA semi-finals at Preston last month.

Scotland could provide only three, Andrew Docherty (Crymchorn) at flyweight, James Anderson (Bellshill) at feather and Harry Lawson (St Francis) at light-heavy.

Afterwards, the fourth batting post was duly secured in the 89th over, and we had some vigorous strokes from French, which Hadlee languished, and was seen to be limping, as he approached his 100.

Belligerent Botham hits 61 off 50 balls

By Peter Marson

Ian Botham was in majestic form with the bat at Queens Park, Chesterfield, yesterday, when he hammered Derbyshire's bowlers, hitting 61 off 50 balls.

When Michael Holding reappeared to have Botham caught behind, Somerset's fifth wicket pair had put on 95 runs in 15 overs.

At Fenner's, Cambridge University's early start, which left Warwickshire looking a bit sheepish at 17 for four, eventually faded in the memory as Warwickshire bowlers came to the fore.

Derbys v Somerset

AT CHESTERFIELD

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 141 (J E Marshall 53)

SOMERSET: First Innings 141 (J E Marshall 53)

Other Scoreboards

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 141 (J E Marshall 53)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 141 (J E Marshall 53)

Schools Cricket

By George Chesterton

Radley warm to task

In spring sunshine of scarcely believable warmth, Radley produced an impressive performance in the field.

Blow to Surrey

AT THE PARKS

Middlesex: First Innings 309 for 5 (D R Dowson 102)

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Win in Spain

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TENNIS: RUSSIANS WELL PLACED TO LIFT WOMEN'S TITLE



Driving ahead: Sally Reeves on her way to victory against Helma Ter-Riet (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Southcombe back home to search for recognition

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Soviet Union, represented by Natalia Zvereva and Lilia Moskaleva, is the only nation with more than one player in today's singles semi-finals of the third tournament in the Lawn Tennis Association spring circuit.

The losers in the men's quarter-finals were all British. Jonathan Smith, a former Davis Cup player, could not make much of Bloom, aged 19, "spare man" of the Israeli Davis Cup team.

Castle and Southcombe have returned to Britain this year. Castle, aged 22, is a Taunton man who spent more than four years at Wichita State University.

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Yachting

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Swiss yacht UBS Switzerland is set to break the record of the Whitbread round-the-world race despite a hot pursuit from pop star Simon the Dancer.

Fourteen of the original 15 starters are still competing in the 27,000-mile race, the last reported to be 300 miles south of the Azores.

Racing Results

Newmarket

Racing results table for Newmarket, including race numbers, names, and times.

Wincanton

More racing, pages 29, 32

Racing results table for Wincanton, including race numbers, names, and times.

Herford

Good to firm

Racing results table for Herford, including race numbers, names, and times.

For the Record

BASEBALL

UNITED STATES: American League: Wednesday New York Yankees 3, Milwaukee Brewers 2.

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES: International League play-off (best-of-seven): Port Wayne 3, Saginaw 2.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES (NBA): Philadelphia 112, Washington 111.

Wednesday's Results

FOOTBALL

UEFA Cup: Fulham, first leg, 1-0 (Fulham).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Newport 15, Newport 15.

Entertainments

CINEMAS

Entertainment listings for cinemas, including titles and showtimes.

Advertisement for 'Classic for Wampers' featuring a photograph of a man and promotional text.

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Daville

BBC 1
6.00 Ceefax AM
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank...

TV AM
6.15 Good Morning Britain,
Diamond and Henry Kelly...

BBC 2
6.55 Open University:
The Happiest Days of Your Life...

CHANNEL 4
2.15 Their Landlady's House.
A repeat of last night's...

CHOICE
6.00 Best of the best today: Did
You See... (BBC2, 9.30pm)...

Peter Daville
12.20 Going Places. Clive
Jacobs and his team...

Radio 2
On medium wave, VHF
variations, see Radio 1...

Radio 1
On medium wave, VHF
variations, see Radio 2...

CONCERTS
BARRACLOUGH HALL 6.30-8.00
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 7.30-9.00

EXHIBITIONS
OBANISHI (at Mallard Park)
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA

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